2002 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
EASTON

TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	22,299 (2000 Federal Census) 23,028 (2002 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 2001	$1,986,755,670
Town Meeting	Third Monday in May

(The by-law regarding Annual Town Meeting was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on 6/4/01)

Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April

(The by-law regarding Annual Town Election was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on 10/30/00)

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry

Edward M. Kennedy

Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District	Stephen F. Lynch, Boston

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2)	Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brockton
Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 4, 5, 6)	Brian A. Joyce, Milton

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5)	Geraldine Creedon,Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pct. 6)	David L. Flynn, Bridgewater
Tenth Plymouth District (Pct. 3)	Christine E. Canavan, Brockton

Governor's Councillor

Second District (Pcts. 3, 4, 5, 6)	Kelly A. Timilty, Canton
Fourth District (Pcts. 1, 2)	Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., Boston

IN MEMORIAM

ANNA CRAIG

BETTY FOLSOM

WILLIAM JONES

SHIRLEY LAWRENCE

FILIMONA MALCOSKY

ISABEL SILVA

AUSTIN PHILLIPS

CHRISTINE REYNOLDS

BARBARA SLY

In recognition of services of these dedicated citizens who performed their civic duty with enthusiasm and pride, the citizens of Easton hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss and does hereby note in its records their passing from this life and extend to their families their heartfelt sympathy.

BALLOT #4 **YES**	**BALLOT #4** **NO**
BALLOT #5 **YES**	**BALLOT #5** **NO**
BALLOT #6 **YES**	**BALLOT #6** **NO**

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

MODERATOR

Richard C. Dailey	2003

SELECTMEN

Gerard S. Marsan	2005
Carla A. Goodwin	2004
Jeffrey L. Tufts	2004
Leo R. Harlow	2003
Patricia E. Webster	2003

ASSESSORS

Gerald J. Noonan	2005
Wallace M. Fulcher	2004
Shaun Fitzgerald	2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William P. Braun	2005
Caroline S. O'Neill	2005
Lennart K. Altieri	2004
Dawn Marie Boynton	2004
Ellen Barlow Boyajian	2003

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gilbert A. Heino	2005
Robert J. Kane	2004
William Grimes	2003

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Daniel M. Crane	2007
Sandra L. Conant	2006
June H. Brousseau	2005
Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member)	2004
Michael J. Malloy	2003

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Allen R. Barron	2005
Robert L. Hicks	2005
Stuart R. Benton	2005
David W. Brown	2004
John J. Kent	2004
Heidi M. Churchill	2004
Irwin M. Cohen	2003
Mark A. Tuniewicz	2003
Mark S. Carpentier	2003

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead	2006

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator
Martha Leigh White, Asst. Town Administrator
Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant
Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel
Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk
Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus
Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk
Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector
Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor
Dolores M. Kent, Council on Aging Director
Stephen F. Nolan, III, Veterans Agent
Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director
Creighton G. Muscato, Recreation Director
Marc R. Rousseau, Town Planner

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.
Dr. Nancy Sullivan, Director of Curriculum
Michael Green, Ed. D., Adm. Asst to Supt.

Wayne P. Southworth, DPW Director
John J. Marsh, Supt. of Water Division

Thomas F. Stone, Acting Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief
John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer
Elizabeth J. DeRosa, Asst. Animal Control Officer & Animal Inspector

D. Mark Trivett, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer
Albert K. Greiner , Wiring Inspector
John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Barton R. Carlson, Asst. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director
John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator
John F Creedon, Deputy Moderator
Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

James A. Carey	2005
Scott Crelease	2005
John Hurley	2005
Margaret Carey	2005
Michael G. Bombas	2005
George A. Mather	2005
Scott Douglas	2005
David Wood	2005
Robert Bishop	2005
Robert Babineau	2004
Jerold Loomis.	2004
Harold L. March	2004
John Melin	2004
Phillip E. White	2004
Peter M. Buckley	2004
Desmond Yu-Wai Chow	2004
Richard K. Wheeler	2003
William E. Scharnick	2003
Jerome Zeidman	2003

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:
(In Alphabetical Order)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Brian T. O'Neill, Jr.	2007
Steven H. Johnson	2006
Stephen A. Freitas	2005
Walter Mirrione	2004
Stephen Pinzari	2003
John Tupper, Alternate	2004
Charles King, Alternate	2003

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David S. Wood, Jr.	2004
John E. McMorrow	2003
George Tyrrell	2003

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William D. Hardin	2005
Philip Barske	2004
Wayne P. Southworth	2003

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bruce Baker	2004
Michael J. Boyle	2003
Sharyn Katz	2002
Paul Dubois	2002
Wendy V. Nightingale	Town Accountant
William J. Meehan	Planning & Zoning Board
Heidi M. Churchill	Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

John R. Howard	2005
Raymond Phillips	2004
John D. Melin	2003
Melanie DeWare, Associate Member	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael G. Sites	2005
Patricia E. Somers	2004
Barry DunKley	2004
John E. Grant	2003
Gary A. Spurr	2003

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Michael J. Boyle	2005
Creighton Muscato	2005
Patricia F. Hunt	2004
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2003

John E. Grant, Conservation Commission
Stephen Torrey, Recreation Commission
Christopher J. Kone, Planning & Zoning Board
Edmund C. Hands, Historical Commission
Daniel M. Crane (Housing Authority)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Christine Quinn	2005
Francis H. Spillane	2005
Elizabeth A. Verity	2005
Phyllis Kiessling	2004
Nicolina Previti	2004
Marie Healey	2003
Ethel Pomerleau .	2003
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Sharyn Katz	2005
Pauline Phinney	2005
Jennifer A. Edwards-Hawkins	2004
Susan P. Harrington	2004
William J. MacMullen	2004
Gary Twiraga	2004
Gino DelGuercio	2004

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

George L. Berdos, Jr.	2004
Elizabeth H. Verity	2004
Nicolina Previti	2003
Anthony Pires	2003
Kevin McIntyre	2003
Barbara Dolloff-Grattan	2003

FENCE VIEWERS

John A. Keach, Jr.
Robert L. Hicks
Frank Meninno

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greg Galer	2005
Melanie-Jane L. Deware	2005
Gloria J. Stafford	2004
Catherine Adler	2004
Edmund C. Hands	2003
Robert Babineau	2003
John Ventresco	2003
Frank T. Meninno, Associate Member	

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Cheryl Brightman	2005
Avery L. Williams	2004
John P. Horan	2003
Stephen A.Freitas, Board of Appeals	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Richard L. Freitas	2005
Leo N. Turcotte	2003
Kenneth Carlson	2003

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

Alice B. McCarthy (T)	2005
James S. Thomas (C)	2005
Gerard S. Marsan (C)	2005
Donna P. Richman (C)	2005
William M. Ames (C)	2004
Kathleen E. Boyle (T)	2004
Hazel L. Varella (T)	2004
Gloria J. Stafford (T)	2003
Daniel Churchill (T)	2003
Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director	

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Henry P. Narsasian	2005
Kenneth Carlson	2005
Paul Mullen	2004
Gail Tuominen	2004
Robert E. Langway, Jr.	2003

OCES ELDER SERVICES

Elizabeth Verity, Board of Directors
Nicolina Previta, Board of Directors Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative
Stephen Donahue, Delegate Alternate

OCPC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY CTTE.

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wayne P. Southworth, Representative

PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE

Todd M. Heino	2005
Henry H. Mehler	2004
James J. Conceison	2004
Peter J. Downey	2003
Gil A. Heino	2003
Richard J. Harb, Associate Member	

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Christopher J. Kone	2007
Walter H. Johnson	2006
Colin W. Gillis	2005
Mark S. Bartlett	2004
Christine Santoro	2003
Amanda Buck Varella, Alternate	2004

RECREATION COMMISSION

John MacDonald	2005
Michael Carey	2005
Kathleen A. Endriunas	2005
Stephen Torrey	2004
Michael J. McDonald	2004
Charles H. Hammond	2003
Frank Spillane	2003
Creighton G. Muscato, Director	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Jean M. Kent	2005
Jean H. Cote	2004
Kent M. Keith	2003
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk	

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Marc R. Brockman	2006
Lennart K. Altieri	
Dawn Marie Boynton	
Judith E. Josephs	
Henry P. Narsasian	4/19/2003
Wallace Fulcher	4/19/2003
Mark Tuniewicz, Finance Committee	
Robert L. Hicks, Finance Committee	

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER
Louis G. Silva

VETERAN'S AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE
Alvin Smart,Commander VFW
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE
Howard Margulies
Daniel M. Crane
Mary Ellen Radovanic
Ronald Lawson
Kenneth Carlson
John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

James D. Mullen, Jr.	2005
Shirley Tufts	2004
Eugene Packer	2003

Wayne P. Southworth, Water Superintendent &
Local Water Resources Management Officer

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Chairman School Committee
Commander George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Easton:

In April 2002, William Hardin retired as a Selectmen and Gerard Marsan was elected to fill the Seat. The Board was reorganized with Jeffrey Tufts as Chairman and Carla Goodwin as Clerk.

The Board and the Town will miss Bill Hardin's contributions as a public servant. Bill is a solid rock of ethical action and protecting the public's welfare. His vocal guidance and subtle actions characterized his unrelenting service to the Town.

The Board sends its best wishes to Shelly Meehan and her family on their move out of state. Her many years of exemplemary service as Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen were greatly appreciated.

Reflecting on last year's town report most conditions remain the same. The Town of Easton is struggling to get by financially. The Commonwealth, particularly in regards to school funding, has harmed Easton immensely. The Town continues to receive an unfair share of state reimbursement for school needs based on the artificial State formula that categorizes Easton incorrectly. To make matters worse, the slowdown in the general economy has stunted revenue growth. The result is less revenue and less services, including in the public safety departments.

Budget cuts in the Town Hall and DPW will soon be apparent in lower customer service levels. The cuts to the police and fire departments will not be as readily apparent; unfortunately any cutbacks in these areas will only rear their ugly head during a crisis or loss. The Board is planning for the next year, which looks to be even tougher in a financial sense.

Many individuals have retired or moved on; these positions have not been replaced.

During 2002 the Board came to a decision to let Administrator Kevin Paicos' contract end on its renewal date in April. This action has overshadowed many issues and taken the forefront on our agendas. The Board appointed a screening committee, which will report back to the Board in early 2003.

The Town of Easton has grown immensely during Kevin Paicos' tenure and anticipating his departure this spring the Board extends its appreciation and best wishes for his future endeavors. The staff he has assembled and the programs and procedures he has instituted will serve Easton well for many years to come.

In December, the voters passed a debt exclusion override to fund improvements and expansion of the secondary schools. The Board was extremely impressed by the large numbers of citizens involved in the effort. We actively encourage more people to do the same. Please consider lending some of your time to Town activities.

We wish to thank our staff Kevin Paicos, Martha White, Mary McCarthy, Linda Paquin and Shelly Meehan for their outstanding service to the citizens of Easton.

For the Board of Selectmen

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Carla A. Goodwin, Clerk
Patty E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
Gerry S. Marsan

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Easton:

The following report is submitted herewith:

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the efficient and uniform administration of local tax laws regarding real estate and personal property valuation. The office values all property and maintains the assessment rolls for tax billing. Appeals regarding assessments are reviewed and decided by the Board. Exemptions for elderly, blind and disabled veterans are processed through this office. This office also assesses the motor vehicle excise tax and handles all inquiries regarding abatements. The Community Preservation Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board makes decisions on exemptions to this surcharge. Property taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes account for over sixty per cent of the Town's revenue. The office maintains current maps for assessment purposes and produces abutters' lists for public hearings by other Town departments. The Board prepares information for the Board of Selectmen regarding the public hearing on classification to decide whether to shift tax burdens amongst the various categories of property. The Board is responsible for submitting the recap sheet to the Department of Revenue for setting the tax rate.

Due to dramatic inflation in residential property values the assessors completed an interim update of values as of January 1, 2002. Massachusetts is a "market value" state and assessors are required to assess property at its estimated selling price. The criteria in the law states that the median assessment should range between 90 % and 110% of market value. Whenever the ratio of assessment to selling price drops below 90% the assessors update values. For the same reason the assessors lowered values in the early 90's when the market declined.

The assessment date for fiscal year 2003 values was January 1, 2002. The Town now has 5,209 single-family homes, 1169 condominiums, 164 two-family homes and 21 three-family homes.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 1,956,269,950.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	30,485,720.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 1,986,755,670.00

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$	45,669,922.06
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc.Charges		90,903.47
State & County Charges		383,556.00
Overlay Account		307,492.69
Total Expenditures	$	46,451,874.22

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$	10,930,324.00
Local Receipts		4,142,198.00
Offset Receipts		494,709.00
Enterprise Funds		2,554,402.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		2,380,467.06
Community Preservation Funds		141,818.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$	20,643,918.06

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	$	25,807,956.16

Tax Rate = 25,807,956.16 / 1,986,755,670 X 1000 = $ 12.99

Fiscal Year 2004 is a state-certified revaluation year. The Department of Revenue will certify that the Town meets the criteria established by Massachusetts General Laws. The assessors will begin conducting interior and exterior inspections of property on a cyclical basis in the spring of 2003. The Department of Revenue is suggesting cyclical inspections as a way of keeping costs down. Each year groups of properties will be done rather than incurring a large outlay of money in any one year. In addition, all properties that take out permits will be viewed.

A new member, Gerald J. Noonan, was elected during 2002. He replaced Gerard Marsan who was elected as a Selectmen.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1st	Property Tax Assessment Date
February 1st	Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the third actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st
March 1st	Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.
March	Exemption applications for elderly (over 70), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone currently qualifying. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after July 1st. Contact the office for exemption forms.
May 1st	Payment of fourth quarterly tax bill.
August 1st	Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on one quarter of taxes from the previous fiscal year unless significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction. New construction and subdivisions will be based on whatever is complete the previous January 1.
November 1st	Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.
December	Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

SHAUN FITZGERALD, CHAIRMAN
WALLY FULCHER, VICE-CHAIRMAN
GERALD J. NOONAN, CLERK

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The year 2002 was a demanding year for the Finance Committee. The fiscal condition of the state effectively crippled municipal budgets. During 2002, the Finance Committee continued to address all financial transactions that came before Town Meeting, while focusing on budgetary matters with all department heads throughout the town. Again, as with the past several years, the lateness of the State budget only served to make the Finance Committee's job more challenging, with little time allowed for budget reviews, analyses and subsequent revisions. Sadly, the town of Easton has been faced with reducing all town budgets in light of the state fiscal crisis. The Committee firmly believes that the state reductions of local aid to towns will be a continuing trend for the next several years.

During the budget review process, Finance Committee members met with most department heads, analyzed all of the town's departmental budgets, and suggested changes or reductions to many budgets while approving several budgets without significant changes. All enterprise and revolving accounts were also analyzed in detail to the Finance Committee's satisfaction.

Unlike other years, the Finance Committee issued several Budget Directives to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, including the possibility of no merit increases and the elimination of stipends and health insurance for elected town officials. Also included in these budget directives was the possible reduction of the town's contribution for all health insurance plans. The Committee further requested a more comprehensive and accurate accounting of employee benefits; and that all personnel benefits appear in departmental budgets, not in an "unclassified" budget, as has previously been the norm. The Finance Committee also voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that all landfill bond money be spent only on the capping and completion of the landfill. Any remaining balance should remain in the account for a minimum of two years to allow for further testing, monitoring and maintenance of the landfill.

The Finance Committee did not have any Reserve Fund transfers for the year 2002.

The Finance Committee met throughout the year. Additionally, many members attended the Association of Town Finance Committees annual meeting in November at Holy Cross College in Worcester. Finance Committee Chairman, Heidi Churchill, finished her tenure as President of the statewide committee. Mark Tuniewicz was elected to the position of Second Vice President of the ATFC. John Kent, who was instrumental in the creation and support of the Association, was recognized as an "Honorary" Lifetime Member.

The Finance Committee continues their representation and actively participates on many sub-committees, including Capital Planning, School Planning, Municipal Building, the Landfill committee, and the Town Administrator Screening Committee.

Our thanks and appreciation is extended to Committee Secretary, Marie Graca for her dedication and commitment to our board. The Committee appreciates the support and cooperation of all town departments during this fiscally demanding year. And we look forward to working with the new town administrator and the new treasurer in the year to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Churchill, Chairman
Stuart Benton, Vice-Chairman
Irwin Cohen, Clerk
John Kent
David Brown
Allen Barron
Robert L. Hicks
Mark Tuniewicz
Mark Carpentier

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2002, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long-range plans to meet increased enrollment, space and school renovation concerns. The events of September 11, 2001 continued to impact the focus and direction of all school programs and activities, and the entire school community worked together with a heightened spirit of cooperation, concern, remembrance and civic pride.

The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details that made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

During the 2002 school year, a number of staff changes were experienced by the school system. Retirements included Secondary Business Department Chair Flora Hall, Secondary Social Studies teacher Patricia Metrano, Secondary Foreign Language teacher Wanda Rodgerson, Secondary School Psychologist Diane O'Leary, Music Department Chair Doug Anderson, Physical Education Department Chair Ron Trinque, Elementary teachers Patricia Olsen, Elaine Ferris and Lorraine Reid, Moreau Hall school secretary Maureen Papineau, and Data Processing clerk Eleanor Jurzcak.

Staff moving to other professional opportunities included Center School Principal Donna Eno, High School Assistant Principal Chris Young, Foreign Language teacher Kari Kitredge, English teacher Corrine Lynch, Chemistry teacher Leslie Lukow, Biology teacher Matt Wassell, Math teachers Beth Cerrone and Sehali Sultano, Special Education teachers Sue Curra, Jean Smith and Lynn Curnyn, Physics teacher Joe Cormier, Elementary teacher Darlene O'Hearn, and Accounts Receivable clerk Janell Clement.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 2002 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Approximately ninety-six percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Four percent elected to join the world of work and/or the military.

The class of 2002 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve well above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that approximately 80 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. A number of high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Easton students continued to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had seventy students shadow local employers for a day in more than thirty area companies to learn about a previously selected occupation. Students were also involved in Career Speaker Day, in which speakers from a myriad of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually.

Several members of the high school chapter of Future Business Leaders of America received recognition in the state organization, including Anthony Ramirez as State Treasurer, Brad Goldstein as Corresponding Secretary, and Bria Wilbur as State Reporter. At the State level competition, Dan White placed first in Accounting II, Joan Fagan placed first in Business English, Jayna Clark placed first in Office Procedures, and the Oliver Ames Chapter placed second for the National Community Service Award.

High school and junior high school students were involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its tenth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools, students assisted at the afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed new members into the Society and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival at the Rockery, the Lions Club Auction, the Center School Halloween Parade, and tutoring students after school.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the junior high school was the student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. One such way was the continuation of the Facing History and Ourselves program, an interdisciplinary focus of study at each junior high school grade level. Also at the junior high school, the guidance staff worked closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included enrichment as well as entertainment for junior high school students. Programs offered included sports activities, and a homework club, Spanish club, videography club and computer club. A late bus was sponsored for the students.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. Six high school students gained recognition at the annual state-wide Boston Globe Art Awards, as Jason Feldman and Andrew Marathas won Gold Keys, Marisa Pushee and Meg Her received Silver Keys, and the Honorable Mention award winners were Danielle Laurenti, David Rose and Christina Tasho. At the junior high, five Easton students also gained recognition, including Rachel Ayasse, John Her, Patrick Lynch, Vanessa O'Brien, and Ryan Walsh. Ten junior high students also participated in the SMARTS Middle School Art Show, while elementary students had their art work recognized through the Easton Water Department Poster Contest and the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Student work was also exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the Central Administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Fuller Art Museum, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Steve Conant, won first place medals at four consecutive weekend competitions in October, and received its highest score in four years of competition while finishing second in the state at the NESBA Finals in Peabody. The Easton Junior High School Jazz Band attended the IAJE Jazz Festival, receiving a silver rating for its performance. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, received a Gold Medal at the Mill City Show

Choir Festival, with the Pit Band receiving the award for Best Band in performance. The Show Choir and Pit Band also won Gold Medals at Shephard Hill, while the Jazz Band won a third place in competition in Norwood. At the MICCA Festival, the Show Choir and Pit Band received Gold Medals and the award for best vocals, placing second overall. The junior high school orchestra received a Gold Medal at the MICCA competition, and was chosen to perform at Tanglewood in May. Junior high ensembles also received gold or platinum ratings at the Great East Festival in Springfield, MA.

The 2002 OAHS musical production of "Children of Eden," directed by Mrs. Dalrymple, was an outstanding production and excellent learning experience for the students. A number of students also received individual recognition throughout the year for their musical talent. Among the many students so honored were Shelly Willis, Chet Millett and Katie Churn, who were chosen to participate in the All-State Festival, and Matthew Ilacqua, Stephanie LaBianca, Patrick Johnson, Stephanie Tarallo, and Nicholas Mezzanotte, who participated in the SEMSBA Music Festival in Dighton. Once again, TEMPO provided much financial and emotional support, and helped to plan the wonderful retirement celebration in June that was held for Doug Anderson, the retiring chair of the Music Department.

At the elementary level, concerts were held in January and May at the Olmsted/Richardson schools, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, jazz band, the show choir ("Spotlight") under the direction of Mrs. Porter, and the concert band. In the three primary schools, students participated in musical tributes on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and individual schools held many end-of-the-year musical productions with outstanding student participation and individual and group performances.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program in both secondary schools, National History Day for Grade 8 students, the two day Hockomock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, school Geography Bees, the Easton Film Festival, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest. Students participated in two student government programs, with Jeff Keach chosen to represent Easton at the State House. Also, Dorienne Willis represented Easton in the Voice of Democracy, finishing third in the district-wide competition, and the team of Tara Fisher, Diana Notartomaso, Megan Perry and Amy Norman placed third at the Easton Film Festival.

In the Foreign Language Department, students were unable to travel in 2002 because of the impact of the events of September 11. Travel plans abroad for the following year will depend on security and safety factors for all involved. Not having this part of the program, with trip opportunities to Spain, France and Italy, was a real loss for the students and the program itself.

Students in Family and Consumer Sciences again baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated hand sewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Seventh Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbecues for the three junior high school classes. At OAHS, the introduction of the "Visiting Chefs" program was a highly popular interdisciplinary addition to the school year. Local chefs from Easton and surrounding communities volunteered their expertise in the field to benefit the development of student skills.

In the English Department, the most wide spread changes in the English classroom continued to focus on the increased use of technology, including the communication of English and analytical skills through a variety of media. Student generated videos, power point presentations, performances, speeches, creative projects, academic research, and scholarly writing are just a few examples of the diverse means of expression employed by the students in the English classroom. In the 2002 Poetry Slam, Jenn Halperen took first place, Jessica Noller second place, and Mary Butler third place. Students who were recognized for their appreciation of literature included Allison Errico, Joshua Mahoney, Mary Butler and Joanna Pushee.

The Physical Education Department focused on a wellness approach to instruction that emphasized lifetime activities aimed at promoting healthy habits and preventing disease. The inclusion of heart rate technology enabled students to monitor their progress by providing authentic assessment for cardiovascular activities. The faculty and student interclass volleyball tournament and the wiffle ball competitions were held, as well as the annual "Muscato Mile" in the spring. This latter event supported the Great American Smoke-Out initiative. The elementary schools continued to participate in the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser, and students, teachers and parents celebrated another successful school year during the various field days and track meets coordinated by the elementary staff and parent volunteers.

Mathematics students in the secondary schools scored well above the norm in the state mandated MCAS exam. All twenty students in Mrs. Boyle's AP Calculus class received a score of 3 or higher to qualify for college credits, with half of them receiving the highest possible score. Also, the OAHS Math Team had an extremely successful year, while students on the junior high school Math Team under the direction of Mrs. Porter came in first place in the American Mathematics competition.

In the Science Department, the challenging Biology II program was sponsored by the University of Lowell, and for the first time the program was team-taught by several biology professors, each focusing on an area of expertise. At the grade 9 level, a physical science program was instituted, utilizing technology grant money to support this new initiative with laptop computers and state-of-the-art data collection probes. The grade 7 engineering technology program was expanded to include grade 8 students, affording students practical problem solving experience and preparatory skills for the new grade 9 physical sciences program. The department received a very competitive Toyota TAPESTRY grant to fund the end-of-the-year mini-course program at the high school. Over 550 students participated in nine separate year-end courses in this first time offered endeavor. The high school Science Team restructured the grade 3 Science Night program, using fingerprint, blood testing, fiber analysis and soil sampling to solve a presented problem, while the Science Team used a FEEE grant to revamp the Science Olympiad held at the Olmsted and the Richardson Schools.

The following Industrial Technology students received personal recognition for their craftsmanship and work ethic: Automotive Technology – Francis Penney; Auto Body Technology – Steven Allen; Building Construction and Cabinetmaking – Andrew Alves; Manufacturing Design Technology – Matt Fogg; Manufacturing Technology – Chris Dalomba; and, Manufacturing Engineering Technology – Robert Gill;

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the "Jump Rope for Heart" initiative; the Science Olympiad, through the coordination of the high school Science Team; the first annual school wide art show at the Richardson School; the district-wide grade 3 Family Science Night; the Bullying Education Program for grade 5 students, sponsored by the Easton Family Task Force; the writer-in-residence and storyteller, Motoko, in each of the elementary schools; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee, in which Cory Choose was the Richardson School winner; the Dr. Seuss' Birthday reading celebration activities; ongoing community service endeavors; the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions; the continued success shown by students in the New England Math League; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search; Jeremy Mudd and Nicole Ayasse, Olmsted students, having their poetry published in the Anthology of Young Poets 2002 edition; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program, the SAFE Fire Safety Program, the Northeast Search Dogs Program, the Read Across America Program, and the World of Difference curriculum; and, individual school programs for students such as student councils, poster contests, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, reading incentive programs, family math, science and literacy nights, and citizen of the month recognition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the elementary schools participated in workshops, mini-courses, and graduate courses on a number of topics, including the following: Differentiated Instruction; Integration of the Arts; Chinese Culture; Power Point; Ancient Civilizations; Literature and Literacy; Cooperative Learning; Instructional

Technology; Motivating and Inspiring Students; Metacognitive Instructional Strategies; Student Restraint Training; Special Education Topics; Gifted and Talented Education; Mentoring New Teachers; Student Portfolio Systems; Guided Reading; Social Competency; The Power of Retelling; Handwriting Practices; MCAS Preparation; Student Stress; Standards Based Classrooms; Math for the new Millennium; and Phonemic Awareness.

At the secondary level, professional development initiatives focused on a number of topics, including the following: NEAS&C Evaluation; Using Power Point for Classroom Presentations; Developing Websites; MCAS Alternative Assessment; Emergency Medical Procedures; Promoting Language Development; Learning Disabilities; Inclusion at the Secondary Level; 504 Education Plans; Media Education in the Arts; Assessing Learning Styles; Exploring the Connection Between Art and Writing; Attention to Inattention; Curriculum Design and Instruction; Microsoft Office; Floral Watercolors; Music Learning Theory; Student Video Production; Understanding Teaching I; and Mentor Teacher Training.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the elementary level, Patricia Baker was chosen by the Easton Lions Club as Educator of the Year.

Nancy Hauck, Susan Sall, Vivian Capobianco, Mary Hartnett and Louise Zamiara of the Parkview School staff were all awarded their Masters of Education Degrees. Pat Svajian wrote a successful FEEE grant to increase materials in the Parkview classroom libraries.

Several members of the Moreau Hall faculty were invited to speak to Stonehill College students to share their experiences in education, and in Easton in particular. Also, Moreau Hall had six student teachers and over twenty-five practicum students from Stonehill as part of their cooperative training initiative.

Jenna Glynn of Center School received her Masters Degree in Early Childhood, while Phyllis Finstein was awarded a FEEE grant for work on Literature Circles.

At the Olmsted School, Alicia Montross and Erick Chase conducted a summer learning skills program as a pilot endeavor for incoming fifth and sixth grade students. The program focused on organizational skills, critical thinking, and studying strategies. Also, Alicia Montross completed her studies for National Board Certification, and Shawna Powers received her Masters of Education Degree in Instructional Technology.

Principal Gary Mazzola of the Olmsted School formally completed work for his doctorate degree in December, and was invited to present workshops at both the Massachusetts Title I Conference and the Eighth New England Joint Conference on Specific Learning Disabilities.

Richardson School teachers who were involved in the Massachusetts Department of Education summer institutes and workshops included Michelle McParland, Leslie Soccorso, and Kathy Gentile, while Lorna Paone and Sherrie Banchierre attended summer institutes on the study of China and were accepted into a future study tour of China program.

In the high school, Jean Churchill served as advisor to the Massachusetts FBLA organization, the American Technology Honors Society, and as coordinator of the Prudential Community Service Scholarship Program. Cathy Harp continued as director of the OAHS Evening School and Summer School.

Mary Visnauskas of the junior high math department completed her coursework for a Masters Degree in Education, and John Gillis earned his Masters Degree in History Teaching.

Also at the secondary level, Cathy Harp was chosen as the new department chair in Business, and new system-wide department chairs included Arnie Casavant in Art, Charlene Dalrymple in Music, and Christine Powers in Physical Education. Marc Brockman moved into the Assistant Principal's position at the high school, and Jennella Porter replaced Donna Eno as the new Principal of the Center School.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Nancy Sullivan, continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Nine standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, co-chaired by Dr. Gary Mazzola and Ellen Russell; Math, co-chaired by Dr. Mary-Ellen Toscano and Ed Weiner; English/Language Arts, co-chaired by Jennella Porter and Joan Nicholaides; Health, co-chaired by James Mitchell and Kathy Kelly; Technology, co-chaired by Chris Margulies and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Christine Powers; Social Studies, co-chaired by Margaret Lynch and Edmund Hands; World Languages, co-chaired by Fran Ialenti and Bob Smith; and the Arts, co-chaired by Charlene Dalrymple and Arnie Casavant.

Several of the committees completed new curriculum documents in 2002. In Business, course proposals were presented in AP Economics, Sparkling Business and Computer Business Production. In Math, a revised K-6 curriculum was implemented. The Science Department presented curricula in AP Physics, Grade 9 Physical Science, AP Biology and grade 7 and 8 Design Technology. The K-6 Social Studies curriculum was finalized, as well as the K-6 Portfolio Assessment. Also, the French II and Spanish II curricula were presented to the School Committee.

The school system continued its curriculum revision cycle in Health, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Areas currently being targeted for revision include Art, Music, Spanish III and IV and French III and IV, Biology I and II, Calculus and Trigonometry.

In the spring of 2002, an expanded version of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing program was administered. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 participated in the MCAS. Following the release of the results in late September, parent meetings were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies. Once again, Easton ranked in the top thirty percent of all school districts in Massachusetts.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Oliver Ames more than 50% of all high school students participated in an athletic activity, and approximately 25% participated in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams were extremely successful this past year. The boys soccer team won a share of the Hockomock League title, while both the boys team and the girls team challenged in the state tournament. The boys and girls cross country teams both won Hockomock League championships and each finished second in the All-State meet. The girls field hockey team also advanced to the state tournament, while the football team again captured the victory in the annual Thanksgiving Day game against Sharon. During the past year, 46 student athletes from Oliver Ames High School were selected as Hockomock League All-Stars in the various varsity sports. The group of MVP League All-Stars included Sara Powell in spring track and cross country, Will Feener in tennis, Drew Harrington in cross country, and Patrick Doherty in soccer.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 5 programs at the Easton Junior High School.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was again a time of significant change and transition within the school system. We continue to be extremely concerned about decreasing State Aid and the availability of adequate resources to meet the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population. Nevertheless, we are grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, and the various booster groups; the extraordinary efforts of F.E.E.E. and the STEPS organization; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton

In April's annual town election, Caroline O'Neill and William Braun were elected for three-year terms on the committee. The committee reorganized with William Braun as Chairman and Ellen Boyajian as Vice Chair.

The school system's proposed budget of $22,256,497 for Fiscal Year 2003 was approved by Town Meeting in May. This represented a 2.3 percent increase over the FY 2002 budget. The 2.3 percent increase in this budget allowed for maintenance of current services, but was insufficient to add new positions to address increased enrollment or to decrease class sizes.

During the 2002 school year, the Easton School System experienced a significant number of staff changes. Those retiring included Music teacher Douglas Anderson, Elementary School teacher Elaine Ferris, Business teacher Flora Hall, Data Processing Clerk Eleanor Jurczak, Social Studies teacher Patricia Metrano, Psychologist Diane O'Leary, Elementary School teacher Patricia Olsen, School Secretary Maureen Papineau, Elementary School teacher Lorraine Reid, Spanish teacher Wanda Rodgerson and Physical Education teacher Ronald Trinque. Previous members of staff moving on to other professional opportunities included: mathematics teacher Beth Cerone, accounts payable/receivable Clerk Janell Clement, physics teacher Joseph Cormier, special education teacher Susan Curra, special education teacher Lynn Curnyn, Center School principal Donna Eno, Spanish teacher Kari Kittredge, chemistry teacher Leslie Lukow, English teacher Corrine Lynch, special education teacher Darlene O'Hearne, special education teacher Jean Smith, business teacher Denise Vose, biology teacher Matt Wassel, and Oliver Ames High School assistant principal Chris Young.

The Easton School Committee extends its sincere appreciation for the years of dedication and professionalism these teachers and staff members have given to the educational and social development of the children of Easton.

The professional development of our teachers and staff continued to be a high priority. To stay current with their own academic specialty, to enhance instructional skills, and to bring new ideas into the classroom, our teachers attended seminars, workshops and institutes, participated in curriculum review and development programs, planned and implemented educational field trips for students. In addition, several teachers completed the requirements and were granted the Masters Degree.

Fiscally,. The School Committee and Central Administration weighed the impact of a decline in Easton's per pupil expenditures in relation to other school districts in Massachusetts. Over the last ten years, Easton's per pupil spending ranking in the state has dropped from 140th (out of 248 K-12 districts), to 244th (4th from the bottom). At Easton's annual town meeting, despite very difficult financial times, citizens approved a 2.3 percent increase in our school system budget for fiscal year 2003. While this increase does not allow adding those programs and services necessary to address our students needs, it does allow for the maintenance of the programs currently in place. It remains the responsibility of the School Committee to advocate for adequate funding by identifying and pursing all sources of revenue and by determining the most efficient and thoughtful allocation of available recourses.

Even without the enhancements that adequate funding would provide, our students have continued to excel in every possible area, including academics, athletics, and the arts. In addition to the extraordinary efforts of our administration and staff, we have been blessed with an unusually large and dedicated groups of volunteers whose work has allowed us to provide a far richer program than would otherwise be possible. For example, the local education foundation (F.E.E.E.-Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton) raised over $60,000 in 2002. These monies continue to fund many technology needs within our district, including the purchase of computer hardware and software. The parent advisory councils (PACS) in each of the seven school buildings continually raise substantial funds for curriculum enrichment programs.

Easton's seven School Councils are composed of parents, teachers, and other community members, who devote countless hours to the development of individual School Improvement Plans. A number of parents and community members spent time in classrooms on a regular basis giving extra help to students. During Shadow Day, local businesses allow high school students to spend a day visiting their companies and shadowing an employee, so that these students can better work in a particular field. Members of the Police and Fire Departments continue to provide a uniquely positive presence in our schools. Along with the teachers, the staff, the administration and the school committee, the citizens of Easton are indebted to these people. They generously contribute their talents and their time in the critically important task of educating our children.

The work of strategic planning continued. Long term goals were prioritized by the School Committee, the Cabinet and participants of the strategic planning effort. These goals were then presented to the individual School Councils to include in their annual School Improvement Plan. Central Administration also included the prioritized goals in their yearly planning document.

On December 10th, by a special ballot question, the citizens of Easton voted to override Proposition 2 ½ with a debt exclusion for the purpose of renovating and expanding both Oliver Ames and the Junior High schools. The expansion and renovation of these two schools will provide adequate classrooms for students, sufficient space for teachers and staff, technological and scientific capabilities, and a multi purpose auditorium which will serve both the children and the citizens of Easton for generations to come. The work of gathering and disseminating accurate information on the present state of our schools was shared by a sizeable number of concerned parents and citizens who formed a committee called: STEPS (Support The Easton Public Schools). Through letters to the editor, mailings, open forums, phone calls, and neighborhood gatherings, the members of STEPS were able to explain to the residents of Easton the reasons for voting in favor of the override. Providing leadership to this effort were: Colleen Less, Kathryn Ciffolillo, Susan Vatalaro and Joyce Velt. The completion of this valued project will be a testimony to the thousands of hours of work freely contributed by these concerned citizens of Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Braun, Chair
Ellen Boyajian, Vice Chair
Dawn Boynton
Caroline S. O'Neill
Lennart K. Altieri

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ralph Armstead, School Committee Members

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and seven post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2002, 1,163 students were enrolled in the high school and 142 students were enrolled in the technical institute. Easton had 66 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional underwent a decennial accreditation evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges during November of last year. Forty-four program review booklets were examined by one of the largest teams assembled. Programs in the high school and technical institute were assessed based on national standards of instruction. Southeastern Regional was granted continued accreditation as a result of the evaluation.

In June of 2002, the high school graduated 218 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Placement records indicate that 93% of the Class of 2002 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post secondary education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The Southeastern Regional Chapter of Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA was recognized as the outstanding chapter in Massachusetts. Three students competed at the National Business Professionals of America competition.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to expanding its communication with alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni. This results in several Alumni events including a picnic and Homecoming coffee at the Thanksgiving football game, and reunions for several classes were held this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute offers six full-time day programs for adults. Program offerings include Licensed Practical Nursing, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Computer Programming and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning. Our programs are certified by the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education programs, as well as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The technical institute has a 95 percent job placement rate.

Technical institute students participate in SkillsUSA/VICA. In the last three years they have captured ten state medals and three national medals.

The Evening School at Southeastern has added a number of new programs/courses including a two evening per week Phlebotomy course, a Personal Computer Specialist A+ Certification course and a number of craft/hobby courses. An active recruitment campaign to find new instructors is ongoing. The technical institute is providing computer training for all employees in the town of Easton.

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Bank Accounts	*Balance June 30, 2001*	*+Receipts*	*-Payments*	*Balance June 30, 2002*
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	7,761,532.00	60,035,241.88	58,904,353.08	8,892,420.80
Trust Funds				
Stabilization Fund	636,562.95	246,877.53	186,800.00	696,640.48
Conservation Fund	1,526,850.51	37,286.75	166,525.00	1,397,612.26
Unemployment Compensation	92,959.07	25,494.51	46,314.89	72,138.69
Pension Reserve Fund	510,626.99	12,586.57	40,000.00	483,213.56
Police Forefeiture Account	11,895.76	249.36	1,600.00	10,545.12
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	7,783.19	391.00	543.24	6,578.67
Mary Stone Library Fund	5,865.33	211.48	690.79	5,386.02
Scholarship Funds				
Ellen Atwood	2,176.60	81.08		2,257.68
* *Parker-Ames*	108,792.12	9,248.11		88,299.06
Mary A. Stone	6,220.95	231.72	29,741.17	6,452.67
World War Memorial	52,248.93	2,932.87	2,907.25	52,274.55
Young	3,143.41	117.08		3,260.49
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				
Furnace Village Cemetery	21,581.12	802.68	850.00	21,533.80
Pine Grove Cemetery	3,589.23	133.70		3,722.93
Immaculate Conception	7,535.99	379.28	300.00	7,516.27
South Easton	9,776.28	363.67	350.00	9,789.95
Town Cemeteries	12,160.91	452.98		12,613.89
Total Cash	10,781,301.34			11,772,256.89

* $19,741.17decline in share value of fund held in Vanguard 500 Index Fund

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July, 1, 2001	Issued	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Outstanding June 30, 2002
Buildings					
*Police Remodeling '88	583,600.00		206,700.00	20,295.53	376,900.00
Library Planning '01	700,000.00		40,000.00	34,505.00	660,000.00
TOTAL	**1,283,600.00**		**246,700.00**	**54,800.53**	**1,036,900.00**
Dept. Equipment					
Computer '92	5,000.00		5,000.00	135.00	
'97 Capital Budget	60,000.00		60,000.00	2,700.00	
Police Comm. Equip '97	44,400.00		44,400.00	1,998.00	
Fire Trucks '99	337,500.00		168,750.00	35,208.54	168,750.00
TOTAL	**446,900.00**		**278,150.00**	**40,041.54**	**168,750.00**
School Buildings					
Four School Roofs	675,000.00		100,000.00	35,800.00	575,000.00
School Renovations '94	95,000.00		30,000.00	5,087.50	65,000.00
School Repairs '97	50,800.00		50,800.00	2,286.00	
*New School '97	19,450,000.00		730,000.00	918,191.26	18,720,000.00
TOTAL	**20,270,800.00**		**910,800.00**	**961,364.76**	**19,360,000.00**
Other Inside Debt					
Road Repairs '94	170,000.00		85,000.00	9,010.00	85,000.00
Dam Const. 6-1-97	20,000.00		20,000.00	900.00	
Land '97	473,600.00		31,600.00	23,405.20	442,000.00
Dam Const. 12-15-97	100,000.00		50,000.00	4,550.00	50,000.00
Conservation Land '97 (70.5%)	530,500.00		37,985.00	26,203.05	492,515.00
Conservation Land-Elm St. '99	125,600.00		15,700.00	3,274.74	109,900.00
ConCom Land-Poquanticut '99	117,600.00		14,700.00	3,064.56	102,900.00
Recreation Land '01	300,000.00		20,000.00	14,802.50	280,000.00
ConCom Land-Lewis Farm '01	115,000.00		10,000.00	5,597.50	105,000.00
TOTAL	**1,952,300.00**		**284,985.00**	**90,807.55**	**1,667,315.00**
SUBTOTAL Inside Debt	**23,953,600.00**		**1,720,635.00**	**1,147,014.38**	**22,232,965.00**

***Proposition 2 1/2 Exempt**

Long Term Debt Outside Debt Limit	**Outstanding July, 1, 2001**	**Issued**	**Retired**	**Interest Paid**	**Outstanding June 30, 2002**
Solid Waste					
Landfill Closure '01	1,800,000.00		95,000.00	89,362.50	1,705,000.00
Landfill Closure '02		1,235,000.00			1,235,000.00
MWPA-Septic Loans		137,657.00			137,657.00
TOTAL	**1,800,000.00**	**1,372,657.00**	**95,000.00**	**89,362.50**	**3,077,657.00**
Water					
Well, Pumping Station '92	210,000.00		30,000.00	11,190.00	180,000.00
Water Bonds '92	140,000.00		20,000.00	7,460.00	120,000.00
Water Bonds '94	125,000.00		30,000.00	6,722.50	95,000.00
Water Mains '94	240,000.00		65,000.00	12,885.00	175,000.00
Water Mains '97	263,720.00		44,320.00	12,433.36	219,400.00
Water Bonds Refunding	181,400.00		58,300.00	6,448.22	123,100.00
Land(29.5%)	221,980.00		15,895.00	10,964.39	206,085.00
Water Mains '99	572,500.00		76,250.00	15,905.88	496,250.00
Land-Freeman '99	396,800.00		49,600.00	10,346.28	347,200.00
HVAC Remodeling '01	200,000.00		20,000.00	9,400.00	180,000.00
Well #7, '01	200,000.00		20,000.00	9,400.00	180,000.00
Ultraviolet Equipment '02		500,000.00			500,000.00
Land-Freitas '02		325,000.00			325,000.00
TOTAL	**2,751,400.00**	**825,000.00**	**429,365.00**	**113,155.63**	**3,147,035.00**
SUBTOTAL Outside Debt	**4,551,400.00**	**2,197,657.00**	**524,365.00**	**202,518.13**	**6,224,692.00**
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	**28,505,000.00**	**2,197,657.00**	**2,245,000.00**	**1,349,532.51**	**28,457,657.00**

Short Term Debt	**Outstanding July, 1, 2001**	**New Debt Issued**	**Retired**	**Outstanding June 30, 2002**	**Interest Paid in FY 02**
Bond Anticipation Notes					
Landfill Closure 2	1,235,000.00		1,235,000.00		40,137.50
Water Ultraviolet Equipment	75,000.00		75,000.00		2,437.50
TOTAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	**1,310,000.00**		**1,310,000.00**		**42,575.00**

Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
30-Jun-02

AUTHORIZED and UNISSUED DEBT

Date of Vote	Article No.	Purpose	Amount Authorized	Issued Retired Rescinded	Unissued June 30, 2002
4/10/1995	**15**	Well & Pumping Station	1,500,000.00	200,000.00	1,300,000.00
4/8/1996	**7**	Library Remodeling	5,000,000.00	700,000.00	4,300,000.00
4/13/1998	**20**	Rockery Grant (SAN)	64,000.00		64,000.00
5/11/1998	**60**	MWPAT-Septic Loan Program	62,343.00		62,343.00
11/22/1999	**10**	Water Mains	1,100,000.00		1,100,000.00
11/22/1999	**15**	Rockery Grant (SAN)	100,000.00		100,000.00
11/22/1999	**16**	MWPAT-Wastewater Management Study	350,000.00		350,000.00
6/4/2001	**8**	Water Dept. Addition	150,000.00		150,000.00
5/20/2002	**23**	Landfill Closure 3	2,400,000.00		2,400,000.00
5/20/2002	**20**	Water Ultraviolet Equipment	200,000.00		200,000.00
5/20/2002	**21**	Water Mains	300,000.00		300,000.00
5/20/2002	**12**	Library Access Road	400,000.00		400,000.00
		Total Authorized and Unissued Debt			**10,726,343.00**

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 2001	541,904.44
Additions:	
Takings through FY '01	37,043.27
Subsequent Year '02	89,224.10
Deductions:	
Redemptions	201,586.17
Abatement	3,324.40
Balance - June 30, 2002	463,261.24

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, which includes the balance sheet as of that date.

Our audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

The annual year-end closing of the "books" as of June 30th went very smoothly. Financial Statements were prepared as of that date and submitted to the Department of Revenue in a timely manner.

I would especially like to thank Elizabeth Morgan and Adilia Collazo for all their hard work and dedication during the year. In addition, I thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Balance Sheet -
All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,574,098	$ 2,248,095	$ 1,257,541	$ 1,700,474	$ 4,816,806	$ -	$ 13,597,014
Receivables:							
Property taxes	840,533	-	-	-	-	-	840,533
Excise	479,181	-	-	-	-	-	479,181
Betterments	-	86,341	-	193,792	-	-	280,133
Charges for services, net of allowance	-	-	-	1,168,096	-	-	1,168,096
Departmental	401,016	23,252	-	-	-	-	424,268
Inventories	-	-	-	48,850	-	-	48,850
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	28,604,585	-	-	28,604,585
Other assets	4,047	-	-	-	-	-	4,047
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	16,813,188	16,813,188
Amount to be provided by Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	13,104,000	13,104,000
Total Assets	$ 5,298,875	$ 2,357,688	$ 1,257,541	$ 31,715,797	$ 4,816,806	$ 29,917,188	$ 75,363,895
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	$ 262,981	$ 22,106	$ 20,607	$ 20,371	$ 2,379	$ -	$ 328,444
Accrued liabilities	521,458	8,748	-	9,670	-	500,481	1,040,357
Deferred revenue	1,595,069	109,593	-	193,792	-	-	1,898,454
General long-term debt	-	-	-	2,940,950	-	25,516,707	28,457,657
Estimated landfill closure and postclosure liability (See Note 12)	-	-	-	-	-	3,900,000	3,900,000
Other liabilities	287,201	-	-	-	1,938,355	-	2,225,556
Total Liabilities	2,666,709	140,447	20,607	3,164,783	1,940,734	29,917,188	37,850,468
Fund Equity:							
Contributed capital	-	-	-	16,521,257	-	-	16,521,257
Retained earnings	-	-	-	12,029,757	-	-	12,029,757
Fund balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	253,001	-	-	-	-	-	253,001
Reserved for continuing appropriations	440,276	2,000	-	-	-	-	442,276
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-	-	124,808	-	124,808
Reserved for expenditures	267,399	-	-	-	-	-	267,399
Unreserved:							
Designated	-	125,533	-	-	-	-	125,533
Undesignated	1,671,490	2,089,708	1,236,934	-	2,751,264	-	7,749,396
Total Fund Equity	2,632,166	2,217,241	1,236,934	28,551,014	2,876,072	-	37,513,427
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	$ 5,298,875	$ 2,357,688	$ 1,257,541	$ 31,715,797	$ 4,816,806	$ 29,917,188	$ 75,363,895

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2002 was made by Melanson Heath & Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I would like to recognize Edward Jacobson, former Highway Superintendent, for 18 years of service, Peter Huie, former Town Engineer, for 10 years of service, Scott Habelt, for19 years of service, and John Siscoe, for 3 years of service. Their dedication and hard work to the Town of Easton will be greatly missed.

The D.P.W. was faced with an ever-increasing dilemma of the Town growing, with many new miles of roadway and requests for services, and with the budget being cut and staff being reduced from 38 positions to 34 in FY 2003. Nine positions have been eliminated over the past two years.

The consulting firm of Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. of Cambridge, MA was recommended by the Landfill Committee and approved by the Board of Selectmen to design the capping of the landfill and oversee construction.

E.T.L.L. Corp. of Stow, MA was selected as the low bidder to recap the landfill. Work commenced on August 28, 2002 and will be completed during early 2003.

The Assistant Town Administrator, Martha White and myself, have attended the monthly Landfill Committee meetings and progress meetings with the engineer and contractor.

Weekly meetings have been held with the Assistant School Superintendent, Michael Green, Building & Grounds Supervisor, Paul O'Neill, and myself, to review and prioritize the weekly maintenance of the six school buildings. This practice has enabled us to provide tight controls of the limited budget and staff resources that we have.

D.P.W. personnel responded to 19 winter sanding operations, utilizing 8 sanders, and 6 plowing operations, using 23 pieces of town equipment, and 23 pieces of hired equipment to cover the 388 streets of the community (over 126 miles of roadway).

The D.P.W. has begun preparation of the E.P.A. Phase II Stormwater Management Plan for the Town of Easton, which involves the Board of Health, Building Inspector, and Planning Board to assist in the permitting process. The law's objective is to develop Storm Water Management Plans which, when implemented, will serve to reduce the discharges of pollutants from municipal storm water systems to the maximum extent practicable. The regulations require a detailed plan be developed outlining compliance over a 5-year period.

Robert Dunn, of the Engineering Division provided support to the Planning and Zoning Board, Conservation Commission and the Department of Public Works, as follows:

Planning and Zoning Board- Review of subdivisions plans, review of storm water management designs and calculations; review of site plans, preparation of Street Inspection Reports and Roadway Cost Estimates; site investigations and inspection of subdivisions.

Conservation Commission- Review of Permit applications; Determination of Conservation Commission jurisdiction; assuring compliance to Conservation Commission Order of Conditions; identifying violations of the Wetland Protection Act and the Wetland Protection By-Law.

Department of Public Works- Design, plans, specifications and construction management of water main, roadway reconstruction and sidewalk construction projects; obtaining drainage, roadway and utility easements, management of Chapter 90 funds: and serving as engineering advisor to the DPW Director.

In addition, the Engineering Division conducted special drainage studies, and site investigations of drainage problems throughout the town along with recommend solutions, and accomplished surveying needs of the DPW which did not require PLS Stamping. Special projects requiring engineering input as requested by the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, other Town Offices and also the general public are also included in Engineering Division activities.

Major accomplishments of the Engineering Division this year included the development of plans, specifications and construction management of the Central, Depot and Purchase Street water main project, the Construction management of the Allen Road, Sheridan and Reynolds Street sidewalk projects and the construction management of the installation of the wearing surface on Allen Road, Rockland Street and Church Street projects. The preparation of plans for approval by the Conservation Commission and construction management of Drainage repair at the MBTA Right of Way at the intersection with Prospect Street and the survey and development of plans for the reconstruction of the stone walls in the area of the Prospect Street landfill. Also, the Engineering Division located and prepared plans of the entire towns drainage system in preparation for the implementation of Storm Water Management Phase II. This activity has been mandated by the United States Department of Environmental Protection Agency.

Major Construction Projects

Allen Road- Construction management of 6000- feet of new bituminous concrete Sidewalk and berms and installation of 6000-feet of new bituminous concrete roadway wearing surface.
Church Street- 3673-feet of new bituminous concrete roadway wearing surface.
Reynolds Street- installation of 947-feet of granite curbing and 947-feet of new 5-foot wide Portland Concrete sidewalk.
Rockland Street- 8735-feet of new bituminous concrete roadway wearing surface
Sheridan Street- installation of 755-feet of new granite curbing and 755-feet of new 5-foot wide Portland Concrete sidewalk.
Chestnut Street- developed plans and obtained Permits for the installation approximately 1300-feet of a new 12-water main between Oak Leaf lane and Acorn Road in the subdivision known as Lone Oak Farms.
Central, Depot and Purchase Street Water Main Project- developed plans and specifications for the installation of approximately 13,850 feet of new 12-inch water main.

During the year the Engineering Division worked on the following:

Conservation Commission- 783 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of permit Application, jurisdiction, applicability, compliance's and violations of the wetland Protection Act and Chapter 227 Code of the Town of Easton.

Planning and Zoning Board- 400 separate actions consisting mainly of reviewing subdivision and site plan, preparing Street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections.

Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer, this year worked on 287 requests. This mainly consisted with street opening requests and wetland jurisdiction.

Board of Health –91 request consisted of the location of any wetlands on the property where septic system repairs are proposed.

Zoning Board of Appeals- 21 requests consisted of the location of any wetlands within 100-feet of the property.

Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator- 52 separation actions consisted mainly of utility pole relocations, Streetlight request, Stop/No Parking and yield signs, review of road race application, Class II license renewal and participated in the town wide code enforcement committee and the Smart Budget Dollars committee. Provided engineering assistance in the preparation of the street acceptance policy.

Technical Assistant, Maurice Goulet, provided support to the following departments:

DPW:

PowerPoint Presentations *(Security & Terrorism)*

Purchase Street Water Main Project

Rockland Street Reconstruction with Drainage

Allen Road Reconstruction and Sidewalk

Sheridan Street Sidewalk *(Coughlin Road to Day Street)*

Reynolds Street Sidewalk Reconstruction

Chapter 90 Program *(Roadway & Sidewalk Improvements)*

Foundry Street Reconstruction Project Coordination *(Norton Town Line to Eastman St.)*

Depot Street Reconstruction Project *(Bay Road to Fox Ridge Road)*

Coordination of DPW Safety Committee

Safety Jamboree *(Safety Week Program)*

Acquisition of Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association Safety Grant

Coordination of Town Surplus Equipment Bid

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Presentations

ASSESSORS

Update of Property Tax Maps

SCHOOL / POLICE:

Revisions to Emergency Preparedness School Building Layouts

FIRE:

Update of Fire District Map

PLANNING & ZONING:

Update of Town Zoning Map

I would like to extend my appreciation to the entire staff of the D.P.W. for their tireless commitment to providing quality service to the community.

Robert Dunn and Maurice Goulet have provided me with exceptional technical assistance during each project that we have undertaken.

Jack Marsh, James Luke, and Paul O'Neill have performed beyond their supervisory categories to complete each task with limited funds.

The office staff: Jan Jacobson, Shirley Tufts, Peggy Hannigan, and Pam Almeida have maintained a positive attitude while dealing with difficult issues on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne P. Southworth, D. P.W. Director
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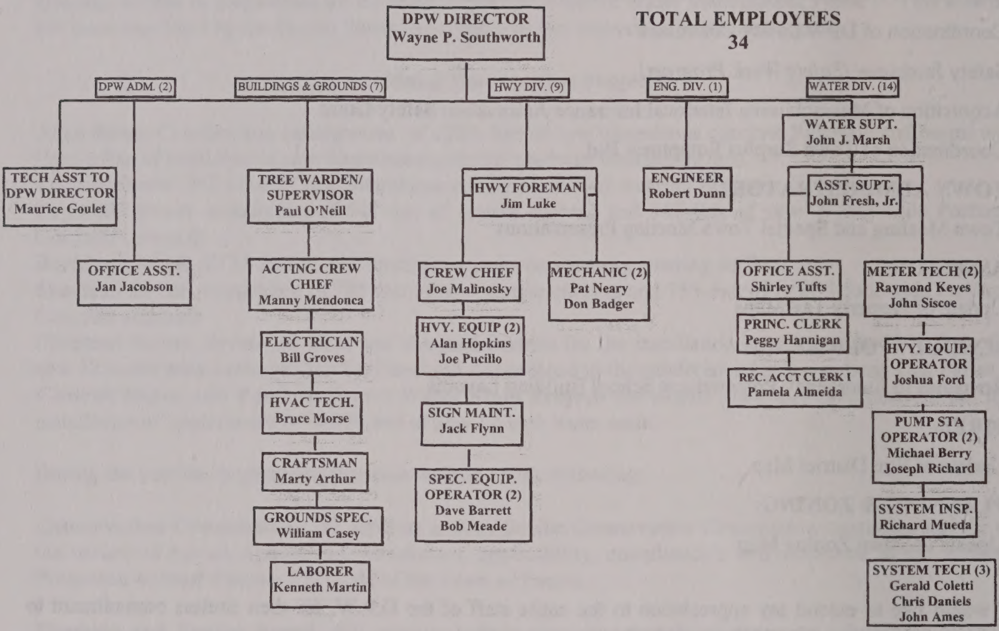
DPW DIRECTOR
Wayne P. Southworth
TOTAL EMPLOYEES
34
DPW ADM. (2)
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (7)
HWY DIV. (9)
ENG. DIV. (1)
WATER DIV. (14)
TECH ASST TO DPW DIRECTOR
Maurice Goulet
OFFICE ASST.
Jan Jacobson
TREE WARDEN/ SUPERVISOR
Paul O'Neill
ACTING CREW CHIEF
Manny Mendonca
ELECTRICIAN
Bill Groves
HVAC TECH.
Bruce Morse
CRAFTSMAN
Marty Arthur
GROUNDS SPEC.
William Casey
LABORER
Kenneth Martin
HWY FOREMAN
Jim Luke
CREW CHIEF
Joe Malinosky
HVY. EQUIP. (2)
Alan Hopkins
Joe Pucillo
SIGN MAINT.
Jack Flynn
SPEC. EQUIP. OPERATOR (2)
Dave Barrett
Bob Meade
MECHANIC (2)
Pat Neary
Don Badger
ENGINEER
Robert Dunn
WATER SUPT.
John J. Marsh
ASST. SUPT.
John Fresh, Jr.
OFFICE ASST.
Shirley Tufts
PRINC. CLERK
Peggy Hannigan
REC. ACCT CLERK I
Pamela Almeida
METER TECH (2)
Raymond Keyes
John Siscoe
HVY. EQUIP. OPERATOR
Joshua Ford
PUMP STA OPERATOR (2)
Michael Berry
Joseph Richard
SYSTEM INSP.
Richard Mueda
SYSTEM TECH (3)
Gerald Coletti
Chris Daniels
John Ames

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As of July 1, 2002 the Forest and Parks Division and the Central Maintenance Division were combined into one, becoming the Building and Grounds Division. We have continued the maintenance of trees along the roadside whenever possible trimming and removing dead, dying and/or dangerous trees throughout the town. There is much more work to be done but due to budget cuts and loss of personnel it has been difficult to keep up with the workload. Brush has been removed along roads to help give better visibility at intersections, curves and around signs. Stumps have been removed, the areas loamed and seeded and various trees have been planted when funds are available. Damaged trees and limbs from storms have been cleared away from the roadways and wires and chipped up. Wood chips have been delivered to residents upon request.

The Building and Grounds Division does all the mowing and ground maintenance at the High School, Junior High, Parkview, Center, Moreau Hall, Olmsted Richardson and the North Easton Grammar School (until it is sold). We also take care of Town Hall, the Rockery, Old Fire Station on Route 106, Police/Fire Station, Unionville Playground, Peterson Park, Eastondale Playground, DPW, Water Division Pumping Stations (six), water tanks (two), Swift Park, Easton Industrial Park grass strip, Depot Street bike path, islands, and the corner of Pond Street and Sullivan Ave. We also maintain twenty-six cemeteries that are owned by the town and located in various sections of town.

We are also responsible for lining the fields at the high school for games i.e. Freshman and Varsity Football, Soccer, Girls Spring and Summer Softball, Field Hockey, Track and Baseball.

Along with maintaining the fields, roadsides and cemeteries we maintain Town owned buildings such as the Town Hall, Schools, Police/Fire Stations, Water Division and the DPW building. Our staff includes one Electrician, two Craftsman, one H.V.A.C. Technician, one Grounds Specialist, and one Laborer along with a working Supervisor. Our Electrician receives work orders that range from a broken wire to a complete service in a building. With the assistance of one of the Craftsman who also has an Electricians License he is in the process of replacing all the light assemblies in the hallways of the Junior High School which should improve lighting as well as provide a savings to the School Department. There has been a great deal of electrical work done at the Pumping Stations.

Work is continually being done to maintain the boilers and heating units in all the schools and everything is showing its age. The High School is 30+ years, the Junior High and Center School are both 50 + years. condensate pumps have been rebuilt or replaced as needed throughout the school system.

The lights at Muscato Stadium were repaired. The boards in the stadium bleachers were repaired or replaced and both sets of bleachers were stained and sealed. The security system at Center School was updated. New lights were installed at Center and Parkview Schools under the Energy Initiative Incentive Program of Mass Electric with an estimated savings of $7,832.00 for Center School and $7,554.00 for Parkview School. This was all put together by William Groves, our Electrician..

The Town Office is continuing to upgrade their electrical system and the scraping and painting of the outside trim in ongoing.

The Police/Fire Station has had a new heating and air conditioning unit placed on the roof to supply the south side and the garage area. The hot water system which has been an ongoing problem has been repaired by adding a new water heater and circulating pumps.

We also assist with snow plowing and sanding operations during the winter months, setting up for elections, town meetings, and graduation at Frothingham Park which includes moving portable bleachers from Militia Park and the high school.

I would like to express my gratitude to the employees of Building and Grounds Division: Alfred Arthur, William Casey, William Groves, Kenneth Martin, Manuel Mendonca, and Bruce Morse for their dedication, ideas and the pride they take in their work. I would also like to thank the other divisions of the Public Works Department for their assistance during the year and Jan Jacobson who keeps our office running smoothly. Everyone has done an outstanding job during these tough Fiscal times.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. O'Neill

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2002.

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	52,229,040	JULY	113,561,377
FEBRUARY	46,137,699	AUGUST	107,199,806
MARCH	51,754,783	SEPTEMBER	69,227,471
APRIL	60,927,124	OCTOBER	62,942,560
MAY	65,855,589	NOVEMBER	57,165,979
JUNE	75,113,924	DECEMBER	56,883,313

Total gallons pumped in 2002 – 818,998,665

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 4,564,209 gallons on 8/13/2002

Total 2002 Precipitation was 47.77 inches.

The Water Division responded to 2,603 service and emergency calls:

- Connected 126 new services for a total of 6,845 active services
- Replaced 437 meters
- Renewed 4 services
- Repaired 11 service leaks
- Repaired15 broken water mains
- 1 - 6" main 13 - 8" mains 1 - 10" main

In 2002, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:

- 244' of 4" water mains
- 650' of 6" water main
- 9,658' of 8" water mains
- 8,253' of 12" water mains
- 40 new fire hydrants

We now have a total of 156.0 miles of water mains, 1,362 hydrants and 2,889 valves in our system.

The Water Division read 13,960 meters, prepared and processed the bills for mailing; 3,970 delinquent notices were mailed and 274 final bills were calculated.

This completed the fourteenth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 261 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 8 commercial buildings were surveyed. We have 228 testable devices in the system, 133 double check valve assemblies, 82 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 13 non-required devices. This year 333 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act,

666 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis
6 nitrate analysis
6 nitrate
1 lead and copper
6 routine chemical analysis
6 secondary contaminants analysis
6 volatile organic compounds analysis
1,756 pH samples
1,503 chlorine residual tests
13 Trihalomethane
5 Iron & Manganese

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using digital correlation technology. This type of leak detection uses state-of-the-art technology, which provides superior performance and efficiency. This completes our 4 digital survey.

A new 12" water main was installed along Depot Street (Central Street to Purchase Street) and Purchase Street, totaling 14,023 feet. This project will be completed in the spring of 2003 with the connection of the 113 water services.

This year we performed our 9th consecutive year of system-wide uni-directional flushing program. This program cleans all sediments from the water mains and helps ensure the delivery of safe, clean water to your tap.

The staff continues to educate our peers, students, and the public on conservation, and Water Works education. We have given numerous presentations to Water Works organizations, provided tours of our facility to NRT children and held Annual Open House as well.

The meeting room at the Easton Water Division office at 417 Bay Road has become in high demand, as virtually the only town meeting room, and it was utilized 89 times during the year for both daytime and nightly meetings and training sessions.

We conducted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 1, 2002, with 457 residents participating at a cost of $18,930.00 to the Town. I would also like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their effort in assisting this event with the collection of TV's, computer monitors, and white goods.

The design of the ultraviolet disinfection system has been completed and will be going to bid in the near future. Installation is anticipated to take place during the summer/fall season.

The Water Division hosted its 18th Annual Open House on Saturday, May 4, 2002 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton school system—especially, Achim Krasenbrink, Margaret Moran, and Susan Masse of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate all these students to the value of water and the need to protect it.

The Water Division continues to remain as leaders in the water work industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection again presented our division with the Public System Award for outstanding performance and achievement. It is rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Peggy Hannigan, Pam Almeida, John Fresh, Jr., Ray Keys, Michael Berry, Richard Mueda, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, John Siscoe, Christopher Daniels, and John Ames.

"With Water Works Pride"
John J. Marsh
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2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held 11 meetings during the year. The meetings are rotated within one of the five Member Communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, and Norton

The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Taryn LaScola of the Mass. Department of Food & Agriculture continued to work with our Committee, attending many meetings within the five communities and setting up displays throughout the year at a variety of seminars and events.

She developed a helpful manual *"Water Well-Being"* which provides information about responsible pesticide and fertilizer use. Funding for this booklet was provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Source Water Assessment Program. Their new Website is www.mass.gov/waterwellbeing.

Pat Rogers, DEM Taunton River Watershed leader, worked with the Committee throughout the year updating us on the progress of the $50,000 Project by Horsley & Witten Inc.

A presentation was made by Patty Daley and Neil Price from Horsley & Witten outlining the five tasks of their project:

1. *Identify and map priority study areas along the Canoe River System*
2. *Water quality sampling and water flow measurement*
3. *Developing model ordinances for municipalities in the Canoe River Watershed*
4. *Develop recommendations for emergency planning and operations for water supply*
5. *Developing educational materials for the Canoe River Aquifer*

Fred Watson did an excellent job in organizing and setting up for our Annual Awareness Day on May 18, 2002 at the Norton Water Works on Plain Street, but Mother Nature provided us with a torrential rain storm limiting those in attendance.

Alyson Walsh of Sharon gave a presentation on Brown Fields to the Committee.

Jim Zoppo, owner of American Landscape/Sharonview Nurseries, has offered to assist us in educating the public on proper lawn care techniques on his radio talk show on WRKO AM 680 on Sunday morning between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. He will work with Dave Masciarelli to produce a video on drought resistant grass and water techniques for landscaping.

Leonard Flynn and Jen Carlino continued their fine work on our Green Belt Project. Much time was spent on the proposed *186 Acre Transfer* of State D.P.W. land along Route 495 to the Town of Norton. The Town of Norton purchased the Lincoln Woods 70 acre parcel, which is within the Aquifer.

Wayne Southworth was invited to speak at the Carver Town Hall by Bill Napolitano of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District to a group of officials from Plymouth, Wareham, and Carver who are trying to protect the Plymouth Aquifer from over development.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne P. Southworth, Chairman
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NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1:00 P.M., IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON.

THE FOLLOWING **2003** SCHEDULE IS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 , 2003	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2003	SHARON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003	FOXBOROUGH TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003	NORTONPUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2003	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2003	SHARON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003	FOXBOROUGH TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2003	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2003	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Present Membership

Norton
Susan Mims
Frederick Watson
Suzanne Erikson

Foxborough
Robert W. Boette
Joan F. Sozio
Leo Potter

Sharon
Gregory Meister
Patrick Dorcus
Dave Masciarelli

Easton
Philip Barske
William Hardin
Wayne P. Southworth

Mansfield
Edward Tartufo
Leonard F. Flynn

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Water Resource Advisory Commission is charged with the responsibility of advising the town on the adequacy in quantity and quality of the public water supply. The commission is also responsible for recommendations about acquiring land, surface water, and ground water within the town, as well as land or easements necessary to collect, store, purify, and treat water supplies. All of these responsibilities are being handled extremely well by the Easton Water Division.

The commission met during the year on an as needed basis. Superintendent, John Marsh, met with us to keep us informed on Water Division issues:

- New Water Rates
- Update on Ultraviolet System
- Update on Station #7
- Bluestone
- Water Main Project – Purchase/Depot Street
- Demonstration of the SCADA System

We would like to thank John Marsh, Water Superintendent, for his input and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

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Water Resource Advisory Commission Members
James D. Mullen, Jr.
Eugene Packer

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	109
Multiple Family Dwellings	1
Additions-Residential	200
Alterations-Residential	166
New Commercial	8
Additions-Commercial	7
Alterations-Commercial	31
Demolished Buildings	16
Signs	25
Temporary Signs	21
Swimming Pools	44
Roofs	78
Siding	41
Weights and Measures	0
Temporary Tents	34
Earth Removal	1
Wood Stoves	10
Yard Sales	95
Foundations	48
Temporary Trailer	1
Certificate of Inspections	36
Certificate of Occupancy	102
TOTAL	1074

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION		$44,452,854
Total Building Fees Collected		$391,712
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections	1294	
Total Number of Wiring Fees Collected		$55,648
Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued	727	
Total Number of Gas Fees Collected		$16,475
Total Number of Gas Permits Issued	318	
Total Number of Plumbing Fees Collected		$48,010
Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	425	
Total Number of Mechanical Fees Collected		$ 9,290
Total Number of Mechanical Permits Issued	45	
Total Fees Collected for the Year 2002		$521,135

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Albert K. Greiner, Electrical Inspector, Building and Zoning Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Lee Harney, Board of Appeals Secretary
John F. Amorim, Assistant Electrical Inspector
Bart Carlson, Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Responsibilities:

- ☐ Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes, Town By-laws and Division of Standards Regulations.
- ☐ Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems and demolition work.
- ☐ Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- ☐ Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- ☐ Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- ☐ Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.
- ☐ Weights and Measures Inspections.

There were 109 new single-family homes constructed in the year 2002, an increase from 73 new homes built in 2001. There was also a rise in the number of permits issued for residential additions and alterations. The estimated cost of residential construction in 2002 totaled $28,064,202 as compared to $20,770,308 in 2001.

There was more commercial construction activity in 2002 than the previous year. Total estimated commercial construction costs jumped from $5,043,964 in 2001 to $16,388,652 this past calendar year.

Wiring, plumbing, gas and mechanical permit revenues rose in 2002, as did the number of inspection requests. The Building Department issued 2,589 permits for a total estimated construction cost of $44,452,854. Total fees collected increased from $301,582 in 2001 to $521,135 for 2002.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff as well as all Town Departments for their help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett
Inspector of Buildings and Zoning

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the Year 2002 for the Easton Planning & Zoning Board. The Board continues to work responsibly with administration and implementation of the Flexible Development Zoning By Laws adopted at Town Meeting in February 2000. These particular zoning by-laws allow Adult Retirement Developments, Open Space Residential Developments, Residential Compounds, Estate Lots and Common Driveways. These creative land planning and growth management tools have assisted with meeting the following community objectives:

- Encouraging more environmentally sensitive development;
- Preserving larger tracts of open space within or adjacent to new developments;
- Preserving Easton's remaining rural character;
- Minimizing long-term operating costs to the town through the approval of more private ways;
- Reducing the number of driveway cuts on a way thereby minimizing any public safety threat.

The Planning and Zoning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority, approved or considered nineteen (19) separate Flexible Development applications some of which were withdraw without prejudice. This included four (4) separate common driveway applications which helped to reduce the number of access points to a public way. In addition, these common driveways limited the amount of existing vegetation needing to be altered or eliminated leaving a more rural character. Two (2) estate lots were approved which will allow the construction of fewer homes than would be possible in a conventional subdivision. One other application is still pending approval at the end of 2002. One (1) Open Space Residential Development was approved in 2002 representing
(8 lots) and two others were initiated with one being withdrawn without prejudice. The Open Space Residential Development application still pending has thirteen proposed lots. This type of development presents an alternative to a conventional subdivision where open space can be preserved and sensitive resources protected while generally maintaining the same number of houses found in a conventional subdivision. Two (2) Residential Compound application were submitted in 2002 and are still pending approval at the end of the year. These development proposals have a combined total of seven (7) proposed lots. This type of development consists of 60,000 square foot lots which are larger than that normally required (i.e. 40,000 sq. ft.). Residential Compounds also have smaller, privately maintained roads. The net result from a development of this type is a smaller number of houses being built when compared to a conventional subdivision.

One Adult Retirement Development representing a total of fifty (50) proposed lots was approved in 2002. Another Adult Retirement Development proposal representing forty-eight (48) proposed lots is currently pending approval before the Board. An "ARD" or "over 55 " Adult Retirement Development represents a fiscally responsive type of development which lessens the burden on the Town in terms of providing some essential services (Example: privately maintained roads; no school-age children). Finally, the Board heard four (4) applications relating to modifications to existing Special Permits. These modifications included zoning setback and drainage issues.

In 2002, the Board met a total of twenty-nine (22) times on Wednesday nights. The Board also had site walks or a special meeting at a proposed development five times during the year. In addition to the Special Permit Applications, the Board addressed Approval Not Required Plans, Definitive Subdivision Plans and Site Plan Applications.

Twenty-four (24) "Form A – Approval Not Required Plans were endorsed. These plans represent potential building lots which have adequate frontage on an existing way that did not require approval under the Subdivision Control Law (MGL, Chapter 41). Some of these plans created new lots and others combined existing lots into one.

Six (6) Definitive Subdivision Plans were approved or pending at the end of the year. All of these plans were submitted in conjunction with Special Permit applications. They included Hearthstone Woods, Mayflower Estates, Golden Oaks, Fox Hill, Donadalila Terrace, and Stillwater Creek Estates. These submittals represented one hundred twenty-five (125) potential building lots. The majority of these lots have already been accounted for under the Flexible Development applications previously noted.

Seven (7) Site Plans were approved or reviewed in 2002. They included: OSCO Drug; 38 Foundry Street (Office Building); Janco – 126 Turnpike Street; 566 Washington Street; Easton Car Care – 95 Eastman Street; 135 Belmont Street (Used Car Warehouse); 180 Main Street (Office).

In March 2002, the Easton Planning & Zoning Board increased its application and review fees to more accurately reflect the actual cost of providing services to the development community.

Additional Board and Staff time was spent on the following types of business:

- Public Hearings – acceptance of streets
- Public Hearings – modification of previously approved definitive subdivisions
- Public Hearings - modification of previously approved special permits
- Public Hearings – amendments to the zoning map
- Release of Surety for completion of roadways and related improvements
- Recommendations on cases to be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals

- Commenting on license renewal applications pending before the Board of Selectmen
- Providing staff support to the Wastewater Management Study Committee
- Serving on committees including the Community Preservation Committee, Wastewater Management Study Committee and Capital Planning Committee
- Working with developers to complete unfinished roads
- Administration and follow-up related to the implementation of special permit approvals
- Meeting with potential development applicants
- Actively participating in Development Review Committee Meetings

We are most fortunate to have the top quality planner that the Town has provided for the Planning and Zoning Board. Town Planner Marc R. Rousseau, AICP is a dedicated, hardworking professional performing outstanding public service. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Board expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions for their cooperation and support and most importantly, to the citizens of Easton for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our statutory responsibilities.

In closing, any fellow citizen of Easton wishing to discuss an issue of concern may communicate this matter by calling the Planning & Zoning Board Office at 508-230-0630 or by contacting the Town Planner by Email at MROUSSEAU @ EASTON.MA.US. The Board also maintains an Internet presence on the Town of Easton web site.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
Colin W. Gillis, Esq., Clerk
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E., Member
Christine M. Santoro, Esq., Member
Walter H. Johnson, R.M.E., Member
Amanda Buck Varella, Esq., Alternate Member

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 2002.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws. Thirty four (34) petitions, comprised of twenty (20) Variances; thirteen (13) Special permits; and one (1) Administrative Appeal were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In June, the Board of Selectmen reappointed Brian T. O'Neill to a second term as a full board member and John Tupper as an alternate member.

	Variance	Special Permit	Administrative Appeal
Petitions Granted	10	10	
Petitions Denied	3	0	
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed	2	1	
Continued to 2002	1		
To Be Heard in 2003	4	2	1

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0590 or by email at lharney@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Stephen J. Pinzari, Clerk
Stephen A. Freitas
Steven H. Johnson
John Tupper, Alternate
Charles P. King, Alternate

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2002.

Gil A. Heino was elected to a three-year term at the annual election in April. William A. Grimes was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Health Inspector Kristin Kennedy, R.S., Food Inspector Hank Tartaglia, Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Clerk/Burial Agent Teressa Wooding, Animal Inspector John D. Melin and Animal Inspector Elizabeth J. DeRosa. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy both received their certifications as Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian from the National Environmental Health Association. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy also maintained their education requirements for their state licenses by attending numerous professional education classes throughout the year. Mr. Kane, Mr. Grimes and Mr. Heino attended an annual certification seminar for Boards of Health. This seminar educated the Board members on public health issues and laws. Mr. Heino and Mr. Kane both attended a Title 5 workshop for Boards of Health sponsored by Department of Environmental Protection.

Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency of Attleboro. Chris Delano, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 2002 calendar year are as follows: Total Immunizations, 615 residents. These include influenza immunizations, 561 residents; Mantoux testing, 4 residents; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 70 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 232 residents for blood pressure and 61 for blood sugar; Communicable Disease, 67 investigations; Maternal Child, 0 contacts. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. Back by popular demand, we provided a public health nurse for one hour each month (every fourth Monday), at the town hall, for the town residents or employees. The nurse is available for Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screenings and information regarding your health or the health of your loved ones.

Dr. Herbert Everett was appointed as a temporary Health Agent to assist the Board of Health in creating animal regulations for the town. Dr. Everett was directed to work with the proponents of animal regulations along with the opponents to find a resolution regarding animal control. Dr. Everett's attempt was appreciated by the Board but to no avail. The two groups were unsuccessful working together to complete the task that was placed before them.

The Board of Health's Tobacco Control Collaborative Program involving the towns of Easton, Raynham, Stoughton and West Bridgewater was eliminated from the state budget this year ending a four and a-half year program. The Southeastern Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program (SERTOG) was administered by Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southeastern Regional Services Group. In Easton, compliance checks were performed for a total of 80 inspections. Only four stores were found to be in violation. At the Annual Town Meeting the town voted a by-law that created a smoke free environment in all public buildings within the town. The article was brought to the town floor by citizen's petition.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 2002, three rabies clinics were held, two in April, and one in May, for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. A total of 155 animals were vaccinated. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

The West Nile Virus is a public health concern. State wide there were six human cases, 406 birds, one llama and 31mosquito collections that had been tested positive for West Nile virus. No horses tested positive. Eighty-three towns had evidence of West Nile Virus infection in birds and/or mosquitoes during the mosquito breeding season.

The virus is passed from the bird population to the mosquito. The virus is then passed on to the mosquito's next host (human or animal) when the female mosquito draws blood for her eggs to develop inside her.

On February 11, 2002, the Board of Health adopted Body Art Regulations. These regulations provide minimum requirements for any individual performing body art and for any establishment where body art is performed. Body art is becoming prevalent and popular throughout the Commonwealth. To prevent the transmission of disease and injury to the client and practitioner, the body art practitioner must know and practice universal precautions, sanitation, personal hygiene, sterilization, and proper aftercare requirements.

There were 688 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Funeral Directors, 3; Food Establishments, 147; Dumpsters, 149; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 74; Transport Offal, 20; Dumpster Service, 8; Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 8; Milk Licenses, 0; Massage Licenses, 17; Caterers ,8; Mobile Food, 3; Swimming Pools, 11; Disposal System Construction Permits, 223; Tanning Facilities,1; Tobacco Permits, 26 and Outdoor Facilities, 0.

The office has logged 43 valid complaints from the general public.

The Board of Health met 23 times in public meeting forum this year.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

The Board wishes to dedicate this year's Annual Report to its own staff. This year, we faced additional responsibilities and work with an unsuccessful attempt to find a part-time inspector to help in regulatory compliance. The Board of Health staff continued to provide the public with professional and timely service. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to serving the town's people and this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Grimes, Chairman
Robert J. Kane
Gil Heino

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 2002, the Conservation Commission held 78 public hearings and 121 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40 and the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton.

During 2002, the Commission also had 14 enforcement actions, involving allegations of violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Town Wetlands Protection By-Law. Such actions usually arise from a complaint from a neighbor or resident of the town, though often result from Commission members or the Commission's Agent driving by and observing work which appears to violate one or both of the above laws.

The number of enforcement actions taken by the Commission to resolve violations of the wetlands law, while not alarmingly large, is still greater than we would like to see. The Commission is grateful to those citizens and organizations which report violations. The Commission treats violations most seriously, and has issued restoration orders and imposed thousands in dollars of fines. The Commission will continue to vigorously enforce the wetlands laws of the Commonwealth and of the Town. At the same time, the Commission also attempts to work with individual home owners and citizens whose violations may be due to lack of knowledge, or are otherwise unintentional, so that the primary goal of public education as to the wetlands laws remains the main focus.

The importance of continuing to be vigilant and to take opportunities to acquire additional open spaces cannot be understated. If the Commission is to adequately protect the natural resources within our town, we must take advantage of potential gifts and acquisitions of land as they arise. Of particular interest are parcels noted as priorities in the Open Space and Recreation Plan of the Town of Easton, which was updated and approved during the past year. This plan offers to anyone who cares to read it a clear indication of the open space priorities of the Town for the next five years. The plan is available upon request at the Commission offices.

Acquisitions completed during this year just concluded include:

1. A gift of land from Charles Mirrione at 290 Bay Road, consisting of 14.16 acres, which contains wetlands and abuts Conservation Commission controlled land along the Black Brook.

2. A gift of land from New Maple Realty Trust off Foundry Street near the town line, consisting of 7.408 acres, that abuts the southwest corner of the Wheaton Farm area, includes a vernal pool and is located within the Canoe River Aquifer Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

3. A gift of land from Dennis Welch Off Chestnut Street, consisting of 27.56 acres, which lays within an estimated habitat area and is located within the Canoe River Aquifer Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

4. A gift of land from Stonebridge Land Holding Corp. Off Turnpike Street, consisting of 10.62 acres, is adjacent to the Little Cedar Swamp and lays within an estimated habitat area located within the Hockomock Swamp Area of Critical Environmental Concern

4. A gift of land from Al P. and Walter R. Endriunas, Trustees of Cowaal Realty Trust off of Massapoag Avenue, consisting of 48.384 acres, which contains portion of Poquanticut Brook, lays within an estimated habitat area and is located within the Canoe River Aquifer Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

5. The purchase of two parcels of land from the estate of Rita M. Grant at 386 Foundry Street, consisting of 4.6 acres, and at 55R Eastman Street, consisting of 1.75 acres. The first parcel is located within an estimated habitat area and abuts land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The second parcel abuts three parcels controlled by the Conservation Commission and includes the headwaters to the Goward Brook. Both are located in Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

6. The purchase of one parcel of land from Virginia I. Hollis, 272 Foundry Street, consisting of 15.9 acres, which contains portions of the Black Brook and lays within an estimated habitat area located within the Hockomock Swamp Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

During the year just concluded, the Commission reluctantly received the resignation of Gary A. Spurr, who is moving to Cape Cod. His expertise and his dedicated work to protect the natural resources of the Town will be missed. We wish him well in his retirement. We also welcome Patricia Haederle, who was appointed to fill his unexpired term.

At conservationcommission.org, the web site of the Easton Conservation Commission, information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text of the related laws and regulations which govern the Commission's work. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest. The Conservation Commission appreciates the efforts of our Vice-Chairman, Barry R. DunKley, in undertaking the time consuming task of creating and updating our web site. We strongly advise members of the public who have questions concerning work they wish to do which may fall under the jurisdiction of the Commission to consult this website, where can be found a guide to when property owners need to contact the Commission. A chat format wherein questions can be asked of the Commission and responses received via email has been utilized by residents and non-residents, and has proven to be a valuable resource. Additional suggestions as to how this web site can be made more user friendly and more helpful are most welcome.

The Commission continues to develop professionally in its understanding of wetlands law and regulations. Member Patricia E. Somers has successfully completed the Fundamentals Training Program of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC). The Commission is routinely asked to make presentations and to offer advice to other communities throughout the Commonwealth in wetlands law, open space protection, and the Community Preservation Act.

The Commission can be reached via email, through our website, or via phone at (508) 230-0640. Commission meetings are held on alternate Monday evenings, and the schedule is available on the web site. All meetings are open to the public, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

We are most fortunate in the top quality staff, which the Town has provided for the Commission. Conservation Secretary Janice Fowler, and Engineering Assistant Bob Dunn are the envy of Conservation Commissions throughout the state. The Commission also expresses its gratitude to Frank Ribelin, Land Surveyor, and to Attorneys John A. Leach, Jr. and Walter Mirrione for their invaluable assistance to the Commission in its open space land acquisition efforts during the past year. In addition to them, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, for their cooperation and support, our legal counsel, and most importantly, to the Citizens of the Town of Easton, for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our tasks under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

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2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 2002 the Town of Easton's Veterans' Services Department assisted over 200 veterans or their dependents.

Thirteen veterans and/or their dependents received $96,587 in financial assistance with household expenses and medical expenses under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during 2002 were paid from local appropriation. The State will reimburse the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued. In addition to this Benefits Program, Chapter 115 also provided an Annual Annuity of $1,500 to 32 disabled veterans or their dependents paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. Certain 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star spouses are eligible for this annuity program. Applications are available at this Veterans' Services Department.

The Veterans Administration estimates that veterans from the Town of Easton received over $ 2,000,000 in federal benefits last year. This office filed 24 new claims last year with the Veterans Administration and those veterans received a total of $ 268,000 in federal benefits.

With the help of Easton's veterans' groups and fraternal organizations the Veterans' Services Department was able to assist over twenty veterans with a variety of projects including constructing wheelchair ramps, moving household items, and arranging hospital transportation.

Other services provided to the veterans of Easton include help in obtaining separation papers, service medals, property tax exemptions, and fuel assistance.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Administrator, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2547, and the residents and businesses of Easton for their continued support of our veterans.

Special thanks goes to my son Erik who helped move a veteran into a new home.

Semper Fi

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Nolan
Director of Veterans' Services

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To The Citizens of Easton:

The animal inspector is the "eyes and ears" of the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health, the Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife and the Environmental Police. At the local level, we work with the Board of Health. Animal Inspectors are responsible for educating the public on issues of animal diseases, issuing quarantines on all animal bites, checking cattle imported from another state or county, conducting animal census, checking the care and handling of domestic livestock and other domestic animals which we have as pets, working closely with practicing veterinarians and having knowledge and experience with common urban wildlife. We may be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-0620.

The West Nile Virus is still present. We submitted three birds for testing this year. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has set up a new protocol for submitting dead birds for testing to the State lab. They are as follows; the specimen is a crow or blue jay, has been dead less than twenty-four hours and is intact and free of maggots, flies and ants.

Fifteen cats and one dog were place under a quarantine confinement. These were pets brought to veterinarians for wounds of unknown origin or pets that have been exposed to rabies as a result of exposure to wildlife or high-risk domestic animals.

There were twenty-two animal bites from twenty dogs and two cats. Sixteen animals were submitted to be tested for rabies at the State lab. They included three cats, five bats, three dogs, three skunks and two raccoons. The two raccoons tested positive for rabies.

Animal inspection census: thirty-six horses, two ponies, twenty-five goats, twenty-four sheep, thirty-nine beef cattle, four dairy, thirty-one swine, one hundred and six chickens, nine water fowl and six rabbits.

Two hundred and sixty-two dead animals and birds picked up. These included fifty-three skunks, forty-two cats, forty-one raccoons, thirty-five deer, twenty-five squirrels, eighteen foxes, nine opossums, six dogs, six rabbits, four fishers, five bats, three geese, three hawks, three ducks, one pheasant, and ten birds.

We would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade D. Saucier, Adm. Asst. JoAnne Pilz and secretary Teressa Wooding, the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Public works for their assistance. Their support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Animal Inspector
Elizabeth DeRosa, Animal Inspector

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Easton:

The Historical Commission continues its efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect Easton's historic and archaeological resources. The Commission works cooperatively with the town's other commissions, boards and committees to monitor and help control any effects development and change can bring to Easton's historic identity. The Commission thanks these groups and individuals as well as the Board of Selectmen for their understanding and support in our efforts to preserve Easton's unique historic character. We are available to any citizen of town who is looking for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes, and archaeological sites in the town.

During the past year members of the Commission were active on several other boards and committees of the town. Ed Hands sits on the Community Preservation Act Committee, Gloria Stafford on the Fly-Away Pond Committee, and Melanie Deware on the Cemetery Commission.

2002 was another active year for the Commission in a number of areas. As holders of an historic preservation restriction on the Lincoln Street School, we continue to monitor its redevelopment and look forward to similar involvement as the North Easton Grammar School is renovated in 2003. A grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission helped create historical surveys of the Eastondale and Jenny Lind neighborhoods. Work on a Heritage Landscape Inventory grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is nearing completion. The long-delayed Rockery restoration project, funded by DEM, finally got back on track, and the first phase of stabilization work will begin in 2003.

Again this year the Commission presented awards. Lyn and Edwin White were given the Clement Briggs Award for their excellent work preserving the Benjamin Williams Tavern at 539 Bay Road. Long-time preservationist and local-history educator Hazel Varella received the W.L. Chaffin Award for her many years of service in the dissemination of the history of Easton. The Commission also hosted a photography contest for Easton residents. We thank local businesses and residents who helped support the photography contest as well as Dr. Robert and Carol Misiewicz who funded the purchase of a plaque that will hang in Town Offices to honor all award recipients. At these ceremonies the Commission also honored the town's oldest citizen, Laura Holmberg, who was born in 1899. We thank the North Easton Savings Bank for its help in reestablishing the tradition of the Boston Post Cane for our oldest resident.

Signs indicating the names of several historic intersections in town were installed. These signs will help assure the survival of historic names in town. The historic marker and map at the corner of route 138 and Main Streets was enhanced, and the Commission thanks the Easton Garden Club for assistance.

The Commission has worked to enhance preservation tools available to the town. We prepared for the January 2003 Special Town Meeting a demolition delay bylaw as an effort to address the threat that demolition poses to our historic buildings. The Commission will be refining this proposed bylaw in 2003.

In 2002 the Commission welcomed member Cathy Adler who replaced Barry Dunkley. The Commission thanks Mr. DunKley for his years of active service to the Commission. We also welcome Larry Mowatt as a new Associate Member.

The Commission can be contacted via our web site (www.historicalcommission.org), where additional information can be found. The Chairman can be reached at 508-230-0922.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gregory J. Galer, Ph.D., Chairman
John Ventresco, Vice Chairman
Cathy Adler
Robert Babineau
Melanie Deware
Edmund C. Hands
Gloria J. Stafford
Larry Mowatt & Frank Menino
(Associate Members)

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To The Citizens of Easton,

There were many positive changes occurring within the Easton Recreation Department during the year 2002. Chief among those great steps forward was the hiring of long time Easton resident Ann Daley to the position of department secretary. Mrs. Daley's devotion to the department and her accessibility to the public 24 hours a day significantly increased the dissemination of information to the public: and heightened the communities' awareness of activities during the year.

The tremendous success of programming produced surplus revenue that enabled the department to hire a Program Director, Heidi Abdallah, whose mission is to aggressively expand new offerings to the public.

The Stonehill College Summer Concert Series conducted at Frothingham Park was expanded to include nine dates and was attended by over 3000 concertgoers during the summer evenings. The Town is deeply appreciative to our friends at Stonehill College, particularly President Mark Cregan and Vice-President Francis Dillion whose continued support of Easton Recreation is significant. The Town is deeply reliant upon the use of Sally Blair Ames Recreational Complex for many activities, especially our youth basketball program attended by 600 youngsters. Without the use of this complex the results would be disastrous.

Also much gratitude is extended to Frothingham Park Superindent, Robert Wooster for his myriad efforts in accommodating recreational activities.

Our base programs continue to be successful and provide quality opportunities for our citizens. Pee Wee T-Ball, Children's Summer Track Meets, Co-ed Volleyball, Over 30 Open Gym, Men's Winter Basketball League, Summer Tennis "Camp" and Instructional Chess remain quality annual offerings.

New activities such as our summer dance program, including "hip-hop" and Irish Step Dance were well received and motivate the department to be more pro-active in establishing new programs.

The Easton Town Pool experienced a positive cash flow for the first time in over a decade. Attendance was significantly increased and the increase in hours, especially in the early evening was well received. The swimming lesson component was sold out for many sessions; and many parents related to the department their appreciation of the excellent instructional environment. This quality of programming and the increase in both revenue and interest is chiefly attributable to the tremendous job done by Aquatics Director Elizabeth Nolan and her staff.

In the latter half of the year the Department took over the After School Program principally housed at the Easton Junior High School. The program provides many programs including a tremendously successful running program, fall tennis, and homework club. A significant donation from officer Denise Papano derived from the annual HUGS Walk aided the program significantly; and 2003 will provide ample opportunities for providing additional activities for our young people. Much appreciation is extended to Principal John Giuggio for his assistance and enthusiastic embrace of seeing this program succeed.

A new youth wrestling program initiated by the vision of resident Bill Griffith, and the financial support of Mark Fisher, is significantly gaining momentum and possesses much upside potential. A new youth lacrosse program initiated by Jeff Rapp has produced an inaugural travel program of 80 youngsters heading into the spring.

Matt Campbell has done a tremendous job with youth recreational strength and conditioning. The weightlifting program starts at grade eight located at the Oliver Ames High School and is generally open on Sunday evenings, Saturday mornings, in addition to after-school weekdays. By implementing our own in-house computer program we have saved our students $4,000.00 from 2001 and the department now possesses the capability of producing in-house invidually designed strength and conditioning programs for our residents.

Summer Slam basketball continues to prosper with over 500 youngsters participating and the need for expanded dates is being implemented.

A pilot summer program at Wheaton Farm was conducted based on nature and exploratory activities.

On a personal note much appreciation should be extended to countless individuals, most notably past director Kenneth Wood, the Easton Lions Club and the Easton Woman of Today for their superlative efforts in reenergizing the Wood-Yardley skating rink at the Center School. The rink has experienced increase use and remains a shining example of the fruits of community activism, pride and passion.

The Easton Recreation Calendar continues to provide a wealth of information concerning public meetings, sporting activities, civic events and happenings in our community. The calendar was started in 1989 by my father, Valentine P. Muscato and Hazel Varella. Mrs. Varella's devotion to the calendar's continued existence and superlative format is deeply appreciated by all. After 14 years Mrs. Varella has indicated that this calendar would be her last effort. On behalf of the Town, I would like to extend to her our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Creighton G. Muscato
Director of Recreation

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2002, the Council on Aging reached out to the 3,000 elderly residents of Easton through our monthly newsletter that was mailed or delivered to each elderly household and through articles in the local newspapers. In addition to mailing the newsletter, the Council provided direct service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach to our elderly residents.

We provided thousands of rides for our elderly and disabled residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers and to the community buildings at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle for Council on Aging programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers. We also connected with the Brockton Area Transit, Dial-a-Bat service, for transportation to Boston area medical appointments.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. A nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice-monthly clinics and we held hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repair clinics once a month. We were able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program and our weekly Tai-Chi class with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours. We are grateful to the Recreation Commission for the Summer Barbecue they provided in the Community Center at Parker Terrace for our elderly residents.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly including meals on wheels delivery to our homebound elders and help for our seniors with filing income tax returns. With funding from the Department of Elder Affairs, we were pleased to have Betty Clark help us with volunteer recruitment, training and recognition. Unfortunately the grant was not extended and because of budget cutbacks, funding for the position was eliminated in our FY 2003 budget.

We are thankful to the many groups and individuals who enriched the lives of our elderly residents through their generous gifts of time and support. The Easton Lions Club held their annual Eye Mobile health screening and cookout, which took place in September, and established the Easton Home Assistance Program that helped some of our elderly residents with minor home repairs and snow shoveling. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring. The staff and children of the Old Colony YMCA, Frothingham Family Division, invited our seniors to participate in their Thanksgiving Celebration on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the owner and staff of the Blackthorne Tavern in South Easton invited seniors to join them on Thanksgiving Day to enjoy entertainment and a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner so they wouldn't be spending the holiday alone. Children from Moreau Hall Elementary School continued to make beautifully decorated place mats for many of our monthly luncheon celebrations. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of those celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies, which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. High school students, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Churchill, taught our senior citizens how to use computers and the Internet.

Our outreach coordinator made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies including Old Colony Elderly Services, volunteer groups, and private homemakers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants and issued senior citizens ID cards. Seniors, who participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program, provided valuable assistance to the town and received a tax credit for hours of service.

We would like to thank the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Council on Aging programs, as we have appreciated their cooperation over the years. But the time has come for the Town of Easton to build a Senior Center for our elderly residents. During this past year, the Council began the process that will lead to this Senior Center by asking the Board of Selectmen to authorize a Senior Center Gift Account and to appoint a Task Force for Senior

Center Development. The Council has been accepting donations for the new senior center and will encourage the formation of a non-profit group whose purpose will be to raise funds for senior center construction and future program operation. The newly formed Task Force will be looking at various locations for a senior center and will be making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on site selection. They will also develop a finance plan for site acquisition, building construction and future program operation.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs and look forward to working with town officials and community members as we strive to build a Senior Center that will meet the needs of our elderly residents.

Respectfully submitted:
Francis Spillane, Chairman
Phyllis Kiessling, Vice-chairman
Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
Marie Healey
Ethel Pomerleau
Nicolina Previti
Christine Quinn
Dolores Kent, Director

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Easton:

The Cemetery Commission is responsible to oversee that our twenty-nine Town cemeteries are maintain for future generations. We also work with the Town Clerk's office in following up on the veterans buried in our Easton Cemeteries. We have cleaned , straightened and reset monuments where needed. We give our thanks to the DPW crew for cleaning and mowing all the Town cemeteries. The Commission would also like to express our thanks to all Town Officials, and the citizens of Easton for their continuous support which enables us to care for and maintain our Town cemeteries.

The Cemetery Commission can be reach by calling the Town Clerk at 508-230-0530.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Chairman
Raymond Phillips
John Howard
Melanie Deware Associate member

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

Responsibility – the World War Memorial Committee administers the World War Memorial Scholarship fund in honor and in memory of the veterans of the United States Armed Forces. For future information, please contact the Town Administrator's Office and you will be referred to the member of the Committee most familiar with your concern.

The Committee held the annual meeting on April 19, 2002, in the guidance office of the Oliver Ames High School, to evaluate the applications for scholarships.

On the odd numbered years, an academic scholarship is awarded to a student attending an accredited college. The year 2001 scholarship was awarded to Stacey Jones who is attending Northeastern University. The award will be paid annually, subject to evidence of successful academic achievement. The 2001 scholarship award to Stacey Jones will be continued.

Three vocational grants were awarded to students pursuing a course of study that requires special books, tools and other supplies. The recipients for the year 2002 were:

William J. MacCuish who will attend the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.
Sean M. Parker who will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Daniel White who will attend Lyndon State College in Vermont.

We offer our thanks to Bill Sullivan and Elayne Mahoney for their interest, advice and assistance and to Cynthia Curry for administering the scholarship fund.

The Committee members have agreed that they would like to increase the amount of the academic award and request that donations be made in honor of our Veterans and for the benefit of the students of Oliver Ames High School.

Thank you to the members of the Committee and congratulations to the recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Hurley, Chairman
John Melin
Robert McLaughlin
Permanent Members

Chairman, School Committee
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Commander, American Legion

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

Circulation

Statistics

2001	99,280 items loaned
2002	99,484 items loaned

The Ames Free Library continues to provide library services to the residents of Easton. While circulation is one measure of use, computer use and attendance at library functions is another.

During the year 2002 there were ten special children's programs. Storytellers, singers, magicians, and puppet shows were some of the presentations. These programs are made possible by the Stonehill Enrichment Fund. Money given to the library through the Town by Stonehill College has been invested in a special fund to pay for these special events.

The Fanny Holt Ames special event in September was a stage production of "Peter and the Wolf" by the Pushcart Players. This was a sold out performance.

This library was one of thirteen libraries in the Commonwealth to receive a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant for Customer Service. These grants are awarded and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Among the positive results from this grant was a survey mailed to 7,881 households in Easton. A statistically valid 5.5% were returned by the deadline. Many helpful comments were made such as the need for better parking; upgrade the antiquated, cramped building; provide greater variety and depth of materials for branch collections; and requests for books clubs. Satisfaction with the library staff was very high. Funds from the grant were used to purchase signage both within and outside the building. Residents and non-residents should be able to find their way to the library easier. In addition, magnets were made with the Library's telephone numbers and hours are available free to everyone in town.

Two adult Books Clubs were started during the year as a result of the survey. One meets at the Main Library on Monday evening and the other meets at Five Corners Branch on Wednesday afternoon. Each group has eight to ten persons at each session.

After years of suffering from the heat and humidity in the Main Library, air conditioning was installed at the end of July. This was no small task as new electrical service had to be brought into the building.

A new lighting fixture for the reference area was purchased with grant funds. This makes using the Reference Department computer screens easier.

The library's WEB site has been redesigned. Members of the community who wish to learn about what is going on at the library, or to see what might be available for loan can access the site at www.amesfreelibrary.org. In addition, registered borrowers can place requests for items on-line and can be notified via e-mail. Many Easton residents use this service because it is available every day at any hour.

Museum passes are very popular, especially during school vacation periods. The library has the following available: Museum of Fine Arts; Boston Children's Museum; Science Museum; Plimouth Plantation; Roger Williams Park Zoo and the Fuller Museum.

Passes are made possible in part through the generosity of the Friends of the Library and the Easton Lions Club. This support is truly appreciated. To use the passes, call the Main Library at 508-238-2000. Children's story hour/craft programs are popular at both locations. 1,951 children attended these programs. Programs are designed for different age groups.

It would not be possible to give the service without the excellent professional staff at the Ames Free Library. Everyone does his or her best to get the information to you, the citizen, as quickly as possible in a format that is useful to you. Through the SAILS network, the resources of the entire Commonwealth as well as other states and countries are available. Daily delivery is provided to the library so there is not a long delay before an item arrives in Easton. Individual computer training sessions are available at both locations and 982 people took advantage of this one on one service during 2002. Call the library to set up a time convenient for you.

Without the generous time given by the members of the Board of Directors, it would not be possible to provide these library services. Thanks to them, the Board of Selectmen, other Town Departments, especially the Department of Public Works and the Town Administrator, this library provided a year of exemplary service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annalee Bundy
Executive Director

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUND

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2002, including estimates of the income to be distributed to the Town during 2003. Unfortunately it appears that once again the estimates of income available for distribution in 2003 will be less than the income actually paid to the Town in the previous year from all three funds. While dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios of the funds has actually held up quite well in spite of the recession of the past couple of years, the major source of the income generated from these funds is interest from fixed income securities primarily U. S. Treasury bonds and notes. As you know, the Federal Reserve during the last couple of years has lowered interest rates drastically in an effort to curb the recession. Thus when it becomes necessary to reinvest the proceeds from matured bonds the current rates are often as much as 200 basis points (2%) less than the rate of the matured fixed income security. At the moment the end of this trend is not in sight. The Trustees realize that this decline in distributable income comes at an especially difficult time with declines in tax revenue as well as reductions in local aid from the Commonwealth. Therefore the Trustees are working with their investment advisers to explore means of increasing the income from the Trust Funds without endangering the security of the principal.

	Book Value	12/31/02 Market Value	2002 Income Paid to Town	2003 Estimate Income to Town
Highways Fund	$1,189,778.25	$5,023,187.16	$165,850.00	$145,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	168,697.47	212,092.13	4,609.09	4,000.00
Schools Fund	3,287,255.92	4,311,446.01	110,596.77	105,000.00

Respectfully submitted.

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INCOME		
Investment Income		
William Hadwen Ames trust		
Hobart Ames trust		
Oakes Angier Ames trust............	2,835.00	
Investments (equities)	8,000.00	
Sub-total	10,835.00	
Operating Income		
Rentals (net of deposits)	7,497.00	
Sub-total	7,497.00	
Other Income		
Music Series (net of expenses)	423.00	
Private donations	800.00	
Sub-total	1,223.00	
	Total Income:	**$19,555.00**
EXPENSES		
Operating expenses:		
Utilities: Gas, telephone, electricity fuel oil, gas, water.........	3,506.00	
Fees: Rental agent, custodians, building cleaner...............	8,410.00	
Sprinkler system maintenance	314.00	
Insurance	472.00	
Miscellaneous maintenance	3,000.00	
Sub-total	15,702.00	
Capital Expenses:		
brownstone restoration study	4,500.00	
	Total Expense:	**$ 20,202.00**
	Net Income (deficit)	**(647.00)**

A poor economy continues to have a negative effect on revenue. The 2002 combined investment and operating incomes, when compared to the same figures for 2001 are down almost 19%. There have been no major building repairs this year, planned or emergency, and the Hall remains in good condition. Preliminary studies indicate that the brownstone deterioration will not reach a critical state for another four to ten years. At this time we do not have the money to start repairs. With great regret we report that Paul Simmons died in November. Paul started working at the Hall in the mid-1960s and didn't stop until a few months before he died. He was a truly remarkable gentle man who will be missed by all. The trustees wish to thank the town residents for their continued support of their National Historic Landmark building.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2002.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District: an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Halifax Master Plan; Pembroke Master Plan; Avon East/West Circulation Study; Regional Truck Study; Robbins Pond Outlet Sub-Water Shed Source Water Protection Plan; Route 106 Traffic Study (Easton, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater); Coweeset Brook Business Area Study (Brockton, Easton and West Bridgewater); Whitman Traffic Circulation Study; numerous Intersection Studies and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During the past year, the council conducted traffic counts at approximately 200 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued to work on Whitman Master Plan, Executive Order 418 Program, Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 Program. The Council initiate work on updating the 2003 Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years. During the past year the Council also restructured the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include four additional members.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2002, the Council re-elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pat Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Josephine Hatch for their dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Stephen J. Donahue, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Easton. The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for federal fiscal year 2002.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:
The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input form the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 2002, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to various service provider agencies for the following types of program and services:

*Multi-Purpose Senior Center Services
*Mental Health Services
*Personal Care & Respite
*Transportation
*Services for Disabled Elders
*Legal Services
*Emergency Intervention Service
*Nutrition Education and Counseling
*Senior Employment Program
*Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
*Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs in the region, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee funding awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of the Delegates and Alternates and their respective communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also wishes to extend sincere thanks to Committee Chairwoman Phyllis Hancock of Brockton and Vice-Chairwoman Josephine Hatch of Pembroke for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton

The Committee spent the early months of 2002 undertaking the two major tasks for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). The first task was the Needs Analysis. The Needs Analysis is a tool to aid in determining if there are areas of Easton that may require solutions to wastewater treatment and disposal other than conventional on-site septic systems. The analysis divided the town into 17 study areas. After a careful and thorough evaluation, eight "priority areas" were identified. The Needs Analysis was reviewed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) at a meeting attended by Committee Members and the Town Planner. The second task was the implementation of the first phase of the Public Participation plan. The Committee published requests for information in local newspapers developed an informational poster board that was set up for viewing at public locations, and sent out an informational insert in the March tax bill mailing. In addition, the results of the Needs Analysis were posted on the Committee's web site and presented at a Public Information Meeting on June 5, 2002.

During the second half of 2002 the Committee focused on identifying potential alternatives for addressing the wastewater needs in the priority areas, including exploring regional alternatives. Specifically, efforts were made to locate any suitable sites for subsurface wastewater effluent disposal. After a desktop study identified sites that appeared technically feasible, the screening process involved undertaking site walkovers with a hydrogeologist to assess onsite conditions. Visual field surveys were conducted for ten potential subsurface wastewater disposal sites in late October; six of those were considered worthy of further investigation. As the year closed, the Committee was in the process of requesting permission from property owners of those six sites to conduct test pits in order to characterize soil and groundwater conditions.

Special thanks to the following "Resources" of the Committee who provide invaluable advice and assistance: Barry DunKley (Conservation Commission and Web-site maintenance) and Marc Rousseau (Town Planner).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Radovanic, Chairman
Mark Bartlett, Vice Chairman
Ronald Lawson, Secretary
Kenneth Carlson
Daniel M. Crane
Robert Kane, Board of Health
Jack Marsh, Water Department

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to report that its 184 State-Aided Elderly, ten State-Aided Family and 101 Housing Choice Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The Authority administers three different programs providing assistance to elders, families and disabled individuals.

The first and largest program administered by the Authority is the Chapter 667 State Aided Elderly Program at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle. The one bedroom units are set aside for elders over the age of 60 and disabled individuals. Our charming apartments are set in a beautiful country setting with eight units in twenty-three buildings. Currently, the waiting list for this program is open to anyone interested in applying. Easton residents receive a preference on this list and may receive an offer of housing within a year of application. Seniors over the age of 60 who fall within established state income guidelines are eligible to apply for elderly housing at Parker Terrace or Elise Circle. Additionally, any person who qualifies as disabled and is unable to locate alternative housing due to their disability may also qualify for elderly housing. The current income limit for elderly housing is $35,550.00 for one person and $40,650.00 for two people. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Authority office at 508-238-4747.

The Authority also administers a Chapter 705 State-Aided Family Housing program with seven "duplex" units and three single family units throughout the town of Easton. Unfortunately, with only ten units, the waiting list for this type of housing in lengthy, however Easton residents also receive preference on this list and are encouraged to apply. The income guidelines for this program are two people - 40,650.00, three people – 45, 700.00, four people - 50,800.00, five people – 54,850.00. For families larger than five people you may call the Authority office at 508-238-4747.

The Federally funded Housing Choice Voucher program (formerly the Section 8 Program) is the final program administered by the Authority. This program provides rental assistance to participants in privately owned dwelling units. The program is beneficial to both participants and landlords, as it gives families a "hand up" to assist in making timely rental payments and assists landlords as they have "guaranteed" rent. The Housing Choice Voucher program continues to have an extensive list, but Easton residents also receive preference on this list and are urged to apply. The income guidelines for this program for a family of one is $22,250.00, family of two is $25,400.00, family of three is $28,600.00, family of four is $31,750.00 and a family of five is $34,300.00. Families larger than five can call the Authority office at 508-238-4747. Landlords interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to contact our office.

The Authority continues to provide, free of charge, facilities to the Council on Aging and Old Colony Elderly Services for their various programs. Lunches and Meals on Wheels are prepared and distributed from the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace, Monday through Friday, and the COA hosts a variety of wonderful programs from crafts to dancing and exercise. All senior residents of Easton are welcome to drop by the center for these great programs or just for companionship.

During the past year, the Authority undertook roof replacement and septic replacement projects at Parker Terrace. The Authority also received notice that a planning grant in the amount of $19,700.00 will be forthcoming from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the planning of improvements to a single family home owned by the Authority under the Chapter 705 State Aided Housing Program.

Additionally, the Authority formed a non-profit organization, *Easton Affordable Housing Inc.*, in an attempt to examine the potential for creating affordable housing and or services in the community. The members will be investigating potential projects in the upcoming year.

The Easton Housing Authority's office in the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Authority can also be contacted through email at eastonha@aol.com.

The Easton Housing Authority extends our sincere gratitude to the residents, staff, police, fire and townspeople for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Crane, Chairman
Sylvia Gardner, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Conant, Treasurer
June Brousseau, Assistant Treasurer
Michael Malloy, Clerk
Susan Horner, Executive Director

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The September,1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

In 2002, the Committee established a monthly meeting schedule, with meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Department Offices on Bay Road. In addition, specially scheduled meetings were held, with public notice, as needed. The Committee, through its chairperson, delivered a brief presentation at the Annual Town Meeting to inform the citizens of the mission, make-up and work of the Committee. In addition, joint meetings were conducted with the School Planning Committee and members appeared before the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee to exchange information, ideas and strategies relating to the Town building needs.

This past year, the MBC, in conjunction with the DPW Director, developed a proposed 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for all Town buildings, excluding Town Hall and Fire Station 2 and provided copies to the Selectmen and relevant Town Committees for review and comment. The Draft Fire Study Report was examined for its implications on the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Much of the Committee's work in 2002 involved preparations for the Junior High and High School Renovation and Addition Project. The MBC co-sponsored a Warrant Article at Town Meeting to authorize funds for the hiring of a Project Management firm to facilitate pre-construction services and necessary legal services. Subsequent to the Town's approval of the school projects the MBC developed, with the Assistant Town Administrator, an RFP for Construction Management Services and assisted the School Planning Committee with development of an RFP for Architectural Services. In order to fulfill its mandate to oversee the school construction projects, the Committee discussed re-organization and procedures to ensure that the projects are run smoothly, on time and within budget.

The MBC is in the process of preparing an update to the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan which will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and other Town Committees that will include all current needs of the school and municipal buildings.

In 2003, monthly meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at HHR Room A-128, and will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail D. Tuominen, Chair
Lenny Altieri
Marc Brockman
Ken Carlson
Robert Langway, Acting Secretary
Paul Mullen, Vice Chair
Henry Narsasian

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

We are pleased to submit this report of the Community Preservation Committee of the Town of Easton.

Background In the spring of 2001, the Voters of Easton adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The CPA was enacted by the legislature to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. At this time, 58 communities have adopted the CPA.

Easton's CPA surcharge includes two exemptions: for the first $100,000 of assessed value for every residence; and an exemption for property owned and occupied by lower income persons. State matching funds are calculated in October of each year and are based upon the amounts collected during the preceding year. Because Easton started collecting CPA funds on July 1, 2001, it was eligible for state matching funds in October of 2002. We are pleased to report that on October 16, 2002, Easton received state CPA matching funds in the amount of $420,469, a 100% match of the Town's funds collected from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. In fiscal year 2003, the Town is expected to raise $435,000, which amount does not include the state match for which we will be eligible in October, 2003.

10% of all of the CPA funds raised, whether through the local surcharge or the state match, must be dedicated to each of the following preservation purposes: open space preservation; historic preservation; and community housing. The remaining 70% of the funds are "unreserved" and can be used for any community preservation purpose. Although it seems that the CPA will generate sufficient funds for preservation purposes, when a single building lot in Easton can sell for more than $200,000, it becomes clear that land preservation will not come cheaply. Due to the increasing rate of development and loss of open space options, land preservation to accommodate future needs must occur within the next few years, if land preservation is to occur at all. There are preservation proposals currently under review by Committee members which may come to the forefront in the near future. At that time, the Committee will present the proposals to Town Meeting for its consideration. Town Meeting makes the ultimate decision on every CPA project.

CPA Committee The Town of Easton's CPA Committee is comprised of nine citizens: Michael Boyle, Capital Improvements Planning Committee member and former FinCom member; Patricia Hunt, former selectwoman and former FinCom member; James D. Mullen, Jr., Water Advisory Commission member, former selectman and former FinCom member; and Creig Muscato, Recreation Director. John Grant serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; Edmund Hands serves for the Easton Historical Commission; Daniel Crane, former director of the Old Colony Planning Council and chairman of the Easton Housing Authority, serves for the Housing Authority; Christopher Kone, chairman of the Easton Planning and Zoning Board, serves for the PZB; and Stephen Torrey, chairman of the Easton Recreation Commission, serves for the Recreation Commission. The Committee holds monthly public meetings and at least one public hearing per year. The primary purpose of the CPA Committee is to review preservation options and make recommendations to town meeting for the expenditure of CPA funds. These funds can be spent only for the purposes of open space preservation (conservation and/or recreation), historic preservation and community housing and they can be spent only through a town meeting vote.

Project Evaluation Criteria Since our last report, the Committee has adopted the following factors to be considered when evaluating a proposal eligible for CPA funding:

- Consistency with the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan or other planning documents related to community preservation that have undergone a public planning process;
- Serves more than one community preservation principle;

- Support of relevant town committee (Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Historic Commission, Easton Housing Authority);
- Project will have multiple funding sources /CPA funds can be leveraged to access other funds;
- Preserves a threatened resource (future of resource if project not funded);
- Acquisition project vs. development project;
- Public access (if applicable to project);
- Affordable cost; and
- Consistency with preservation program priorities (will not divert funding from project with higher priority).

Do you have an opinion on how the CPA funds should be spent? Do you know of a special place or project that should be considered for CPA funding? CPA funds belong to the people of Easton; we'd like to hear your ideas. Our meetings are open to the public and you can write to us at the Easton Town Offices.

In closing, we want to thank Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator, who is assigned to assist the CPA Committee, and the Town Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, for her assistance with the financial issues. We also want to thank the Town Administrator Kevin Paicos for his help in the preparation of some financial projections for us. Primarily, appreciation is due to the people of Easton for their foresight in passing the Community Preservation Act.

There are two websites that contain information on the Community Preservation Act. One is the website of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs at www.state.ma.us/envir and the other is at www.communitypreservation.org. Easton's CPA Committee is also listed on the town's website at www.easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hunt, Chair, for the Committee
James D. Mullen, Jr., Vice Chair
John Grant, Clerk
Michael Boyle
Daniel Crane
Edmund Hands
Christopher Kone
Creig Muscato
Stephen Torrey

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

On June 30, 2002 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-three years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding – To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment – To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program – To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number – a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

Water Management – A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

Wetlands in the spring of 2002 were below normal due to the lack of normal precipitation during the winter months. Bristol County received less snow and rain than other areas to the north and west. With low water levels in most of our wetland areas the spring brood of mosquitos was below average. The Project started our larviciding program the end of March.

During mid-to-late May we began receiving requests for adulticiding but not as many calls as in previous years.

The Project began its mosquito surveillance program in early June to monitor mosquito types and levels. This is done in order to check for virus levels in the mosquito collections. They are tested for both EEE and WNV. The surveillance program continued until the end of October.

There were only 2 positive WNV isolates in mosquitoes that were tested and 5 positive isolates in birds. There were no human cases in Bristol County.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 12,083.2-sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 25.08 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months a total of 500 feet of brush was cut and 500 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The most important goal that the Advisory Council had for 2002 was the replacement of the Mansion roof, which was leaking badly and causing interior damage. The contractor did not start the roof replacement until April 2001 and then delayed completion until late summer when the Council intervened and contacted the appropriate people in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs who were to oversee the completion of the roof and repairs of damages caused by the contractor. The repairs were completed by the summer of 2002 thanks to the intervention of Senator Robert Creedon who mediated a dispute between the contractor and the Commonwealth.

The Council discussed the impact on the Park of the proposed housing development on the Rattlesnake Hill area in Sharon and supported the purchase by the DEM as an addition to Borderland State Park as part of an open space bonding bill passed by the legislature and sponsored by Senator Brian Joyce.

The Council participated in the D.E.M. Strategic Plan for the future, which was issued in 2002 by writing comments on the strengths and weaknesses of the park system.

The Council members were not kept appraised of Park funding issues by the DEM as they concerned Borderland and as a result the plan by the DEM to impose a parking fee system at the park caused the Council to have a series of conversations and correspondences as well as a meeting with the DEM officials relating to the fee. As of the end of 2002, the fee collection is being studied by the DEM and other methods of generating money or lowering costs are being explored by the DEM, the Council and Friends of Borderland who run many of the events at the park. Money is very tight and the park budget has been reduced over 20% for 2002/2003. The DEM has promised to have better relations with the Council in the future.

The attendance at the Park still increases slowly each year with the Visitor's Center becoming more popular as a place to hold teaching sessions and discussion groups.

Members of the Advisory Council again in 2002 participated with the Park Interpreter in the annual Biodiversity Day activities in June to count if all flora and fauna at Borderland.

The Friends of Borderland and the Park interpreter put together a full schedule of walks and talks at little or no cost to park visitors at a time when most parks are charging admission fees.

The Council members appreciate the continued support of the Friends of Borderland and other Town organizations.

Feel free to contact the members or park personnel if you have any questions or suggestions about the park (508-238-6566).

William O. Hocking, Jr., Chairman (Foxboro)
John J. Kent, Easton Representative
Paul Berry, Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

During 2002 the SERSG Regional Administrator conducted five cooperative procurements on behalf of member municipalities. In the Spring she issued a DPW Supplies and a Paper Supplies IFB and in the Fall she issued a DPW Services IFB, a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Request for Proposals and an Employee Assistance Program Request for Proposals. These cooperative procurements secured competitive prices and resulted in substantial savings for each of the seventeen SERSG member municipalities.

As the March deadline draws closer, SERSG has stepped up the technical assistance that it provides to its members regarding the formulation of a storm water management plan. The SERSG model Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination By-Law has already been adopted by one Town Meeting and approved by the Office of the Attorney General. SERSG will also help with the Notice of Intent which must be filed with the EPA by March 10, 2003. All municipal separate storm sewer systems must be permitted by the EPA after this date.

As of September 30, 2002, the Mass. Department of Public Health terminated the contract that it had with the Town of Easton under the Mass. Tobacco Control Program. The grant monies which funded a tobacco control program for a collaborative consisting of the Boards of Health of the Towns of Stoughton, Easton and Raynham and the City of Taunton ended as of this date. SERSG has been the grant administrator and provided the program services for this collaborative since 1997. Budget cuts at the state level were the reason that most of the local programs were cancelled.

The SERSG Regional Administrator was asked to make a number of presentations during 2002. She spoke at the MMA Annual Conference in January on the topic of managing public rights-of-ways, at the MMA Selectman's Association in June on the benefits of regional groups, and at the Mass. Association of Public Purchasing Officials in May on how to procure natural gas.

2002 will be a transition year for SERSG as we re-allocate time and resources as a result of the end of the Southeastern Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program ("SERTOG"). As public funding becomes tighter, SERSG municipalities need the efficiencies and savings which are achieved through the SERSG cooperative procurements and the technical assistance provided by SERSG to deal with federal mandates such as Phase II of the Clean Water Act. The SERSG Board of Directors is working to make the transition a successful one for the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Salisbury
Regional Administrator

ANNUAL REPORT 2002

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of the Town Clerk serves as the central information center of the Town by collecting, maintaining and disseminating public records; being a direct link between the residents of Easton and their local government. The office strives to serve the public and all Town Departments by being versatile, alert, accurate and patient. The goal of the Office of the Town Clerk is to preserve, protect and uphold all Town records in the custody of the Town Clerk, including Vital Records, and to conduct fair and impartial Elections for Registered Voters, all in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, rendering equal service to all in order to merit public confidence.

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The Town Clerk serves you as…

CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL

- Oversees polling places, election officers, and the general conduct of all elections.
- Directs preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, administers campaign finance laws, certifies nomination papers and initiative petitions and serves on the local Board of Registrars.
- Supervises voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth.
- Conducts the annual town census, prepares the street list of residents and school list, and furnishes the jury list to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

RECORDING OFFICER

- Records and certifies all official actions of the Town, including town meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Appeals Decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, and keeps the Town Seal.
- Records state tax liens.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

- Registers all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents.
- Records and preserves original birth, marriage, and death records providing the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system.

PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICER

- Administers the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards and ensures that all elected and appointed officials are informed of the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws. Posts meetings of all government bodies.

- Provides access to public records in compliance with State Public Records Law and corresponding regulations.
- Provides certified copies of vital records and conducts or assists with genealogical research for members of the public, and is responsible for maintenance, disposition and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.
- Maintains records of adopted municipal codes, local bylaws, oaths of office, resignations and appointments, petitions, publications, budgets, meeting minutes, and financial statements.
- Submits bylaws and zoning ordinances to Attorney General for approval.

LICENSING OFFICER

- Issues state licenses and permits: including marriage licenses, hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, and permits for raffles and bazaars. Issues county or local licenses, permits, and certificates as mandated by statute or bylaw, which may include business certificates, animal licenses, and fuel storage permits.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

- Responds to inquires from the general public, frequently serving as facilitator with departments, providing knowledge and assistance in a fair and impartial manner to all.
- Often considered the core of local government, the Town Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for local residents and citizens at large.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please contact us in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN EASTON
CALENDAR YEAR 2002

BIRTHS

Males	110	219 Single Births
Females	123	7 Sets of Twins
Total Births	233	233 Children

MARRIAGES

Marriages in Easton	41
Marriages in Other Towns in	35
Total Marriages Recorded	76

RESIDENCE OF BRIDES & GROOMS:	
Both Residents of Easton	41
One Easton, One Other MA Town	11
One Easton, One Out of State	7
Both Out of State	7
Both Other MA Towns	10
Total	76

DEATHS

Residents who died in Easton	53
Residents who died out of Easton	89
Non-Residents who died in Easton	17
Total	159

TYPE OF FACILITY:	
Hospital	62
Nursing Home	59
Residence	32
Other	5
Total	159

BY AGE & GENDER

Ages	Female	Male	Total
0-19	0	1	1
20-49	2	5	7
50-59	3	5	8
60-69	5	9	14
70-79	15	17	32
80-89	39	22	61
90-99	27	9	36
100-101	0	0	0
Totals	91	68	159

Report Includes Vital Records received through 01/10/03

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

PCT	DEMOCRAT	INTER 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	MASSACHUSETTS GREEN PARTY	RAINBOW COALITION	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	SOCIALIST	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
At the close of Registration January 25, 2002 for the Special Town Meeting on February 4, 2002										
1	425	1	8	0	0	2	336	0	892	1664
2	647	3	9	2	0	0	529	1	1301	2492
3	653	3	17	1	0	3	443	0	1290	2410
4	575	1	11	2	0	3	469	0	1251	2312
5	599	2	5	1	0	3	385	0	1276	2271
6	575	4	17	0	0	1	407	0	1233	2237
Total	3474	14	67	6	0	12	2569	1	7243	13386
At the close of Registration March 1, 2002 for the Special Town Meeting on March 11, 2002										
1	433	1	8	0	0	2	338	0	897	1679
2	654	3	10	2	1	0	536	1	1313	2520
3	661	3	17	1	0	3	450	0	1299	2434
4	578	1	11	2	0	3	470	0	1262	2327
5	608	2	5	1	0	3	386	0	1288	2293
6	579	4	18	0	0	1	410	0	1246	2258
Total	3513	14	69	6	1	12	2590	1	7305	13511
At the close of Registration March 6, 2002 for Special Election on March 26, 2002										
1	440	1	6	0	0	2	344	0	905	1698
2	664	3	10	1	1	0	544	1	1330	2554
3	673	3	17	1	0	3	462	0	1314	2473
4	588	1	10	2	0	3	491	0	1275	2370
5	613	2	5	1	0	3	392	0	1296	2312
6	590	4	16	0	0	1	415	0	1272	2298
Total	3568	14	64	5	1	12	2648	1	7392	13705
At the close of Registration April 3, 2002 for Annual Town Election on April 23, 2002										
1	439	1	6	0	0	2	343	0	910	1701
2	661	3	10	1	1	0	542	1	1333	2552
3	674	3	17	1	0	3	463	0	1321	2482
4	587	1	10	1	0	3	485	0	1283	2370
5	614	2	5	1	0	3	391	0	1303	2319
6	589	4	16	0	0	1	415	0	1273	2298
Total	3564	14	64	4	1	12	2639	1	7423	13722

At the close of Registration May 1, 2002 for Annual Town Meeting on May 20, 2002

1	433	1	8	0	0	2	338	0	909	1691
2	657	3	10	2	1	0	538	1	1324	2536
3	667	3	17	2	0	3	456	0	1321	2469
4	583	1	11	2	0	3	476	0	1278	2354
5	618	2	5	1	0	3	388	0	1308	2325
6	583	4	20	0	0	1	418	0	1264	2290
Total	3541	14	71	7	1	12	2614	1	7404	13665

At the close of Registration August 16, 2002 for Special Town Meeting on August 26, 2002

1	437	1	8	0	0	2	339	0	917	1704
2	663	3	10	2	1	0	542	1	1334	2556
3	677	3	17	3	0	3	470	0	1357	2530
4	591	1	11	2	0	3	481	0	1292	2381
5	634	2	5	1	0	3	393	0	1327	2365
6	588	4	21	0	0	1	423	0	1282	2319
Total	3590	14	72	8	1	12	2648	1	7509	13855

At the close of Registration August 28, 2002 for State Primary on September 17, 2002

1	444	1	8	0	0	2	341	0	923	1719
2	669	3	10	2	1	0	544	1	1340	2570
3	683	3	17	3	0	3	473	0	1369	2551
4	598	1	12	2	0	3	483	0	1298	2397
5	643	2	6	1	0	3	394	0	1331	2380
6	589	4	21	0	0	1	427	0	1284	2326
Total	3626	14	74	8	1	12	2662	1	7545	13943

At the close of Registration October 16, 2002 for State Election on November 5, 2002

1	445	0	6	0	0	2	346	0	925	1724
2	665	2	10	2	1	0	542	1	1355	2578
3	685	3	18	3	0	3	475	0	1378	2565
4	604	1	11	2	0	3	482	0	1325	2428
5	658	1	6	1	0	1	395	0	1370	2432
6	586	3	21	0	0	1	421	0	1322	2354
Total	3643	10	72	8	1	10	2661	1	7675	14081

At the close of Registration November 20, 2002 for Special Debt Exclusion Override Election on December 10, 2002

1	433	0	6	0	0	2	337	0	887	1665
2	658	2	11	2	1	0	530	1	1352	2557
3	665	3	18	3	0	3	463	0	1335	2490
4	598	1	11	2	0	2	475	0	1313	2402
5	655	1	6	1	0	1	390	0	1376	2430
6	575	3	21	0	0	1	420	0	1309	2329
Total	3584	10	73	8	1	9	2615	1	7572	13873

Respectfully submitted,
Jean M. Kent, Chairman
Jean H. Cote
Kent M. Keith
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JULY 2001 TO JUNE 2002

Birth Certificates	277	$ 6.00	$ 1,662.00
Death Certificates	378	$ 6.00	$ 2,268.00
Marriage Certificates	198	$ 6.00	$ 1,188.00
Birth Certificates	84	$ 5.00	$ 420.00
Death Certificates	2	$ 5.00	$ 10.00
Marriage Certificates	7	$ 5.00	$ 35.00
Birth Certificates	184	$ 10.00	$ 1,840.00
Death Certificates	153	$ 10.00	$ 1,530.00
Marriage Certificates	65	$ 10.00	$ 650.00
Birth Certificates	15	$ 8.00	$ 120.00
Death Certificates	0	$ 8.00	
Marriage Certificates	1	$ 8.00	$ 8.00
Correction of Death	0	$ 15.00	$ -
Marriage Intentions	78	$ 20.00	$ 1,560.00
Marriage Intentions	26	$ 25.00	$ 650.00
Voter ID Cards	1	$ 5.00	$ 5.00
Voter I.D. Cards	2	$ 6.00	$ 12.00
Voter I.D. Cards	1	$ 8.00	$ 8.00
Business Certificates	226	$ 25.00	$ 5,650.00
Business Certificates Disc/Change	17	$ 15.00	$ 255.00
Business Disc	1	$ 20.00	$ 20.00
Financing Statements	8	$ 15.00	$ 120.00
Financing Releases	0	$ 10.00	$ -
Finance State Copies			$ 502.40
Finance State Search			$ 195.00
Sale of Street lists			$ 1,160.00
Recording Pole Locations			$ 380.00
Copies, Etc			$ 642.90
Raffle Permits	6	$15.00	$ 90.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists			$ 767.00
Duplicate Dog Tags	10	$ 3.00	$ 30.00
Interest			$ -
Board of Appeals Filing Fees			$ 10,400.00
Declaration of Business	3	$ 15.00	$ 45.00
Declaration of Homestead			$ -
Sale of Fishing Holders			$ 4.50
Transfer Dog License	4	$ 5.00	$ 20.00
Search Fees			$ 298.50
Misc.			$ 65.33
Certify fee			$ 65.00
Passport	10	$ 15.00	$ 150.00
Total Town Clerk Fees			$ 32,826.63
Sporting License Fees			$ 447.20
Total Paid to Town Treasurer			$ 33,273.83

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JULY 2001 TO JUNE 2002

ISSUED JULY 1, 2000 TO JULY 2001 INCLUSIVE

# issued	License	Fee	Total
		2001 (JULY TO APRIL)	
175		$10.00	$1,750.00
56	Males	$15.00	$840.00
213	Spayed Females	$10.00	$2,130.00
45	Females	$15.00	$675.00
0	Kennel License	$25.00	$0.00
0	Kennel License	$50.00	$0.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$0.00
489	Total Licenses		$5,395.00
194	Late Fees	$ 25.00	$4,850.00
	Collected		$10,245.00
		2002 (March to June)	
674	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$6,740.00
153	Males	$ 15.00	$2,295.00
841	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$8,410.00
60	Females	$ 15.00	$900.00
1	Kennel	$ 25.00	$25.00
2	Kennel	$ 50.00	$100.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$ -
1731	Total Licenses		$18,470.00
0	Late Fees	$25.00	$0.00
	Collected		$18,470.00
2220	Total Licenses Collected		$23,865.00
194	Total Late Fees		$4,850.00
	Total Funds Collected		$28,715.00
	Total Paid to Treasurer		$ 28,715.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1996	1710
1997	1889
1998	2270
1999	2221
2000	2202
2001	2372

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JULY 2001 TO JUNE 2002

#ISSUED	LICENSE	FEE	Total
152	Resident Fishing	$22.50	$3,420.00
9	Resident Minor Fishing	$6.50	$58.50
10	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	$11.25	$112.50
30	Resident Fishing Handicapped	$0.00	$0.00
0	Non-resident Fishing	$32.50	$0.00
2	Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	$18.50	$37.00
0	Resident Fishing 3-Day	$6.50	$0.00
1	Resident Trapping	$30.50	$30.50
0	Resident Trapping Minor	$6.50	$0.00
1	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	$15.25	$15.25
0	Duplicate Fishing	$2.50	$0.00
0	Duplicate Trapping		
205	Total Fishing Licenses		$3,673.75
46	Resident Hunting	$22.50	$1,035.00
2	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	$11.25	$22.50
0	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	$ -	$0.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting	$22.50	$0.00
0	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	$94.50	$0.00
1	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	$60.50	$60.50
0	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	$6.50	$0.00
60	Resident Sporting	$40.00	$2,400.00
4	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	$20.00	$80.00
37	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	$ -	$ -
2	Duplicate Hunting	$2.50	$5.00
0	Duplicate Sporting	$2.00	$ -
152	Total Sporting Licenses		$3,603.00
67	Archery Stamps	$5.10	$341.70
22	Waterfowl Stamps	$5.00	$110.00
30	Primitive Firearms Stamp	$5.10	$153.00
280	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Residents)	$5.00	$1,400.00
3	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Residents)	$5.00	$15.00
402	Total Stamps Issued		$2,019.70
357	Total Licenses Issued		$7,276.75
759	Total Licenses and Stamps Issued		$9,296.45
288	Additional Fees to Town	$1.00	$288.00

	Total Deposited for Fish & Wildlife		$9,584.45
288	License Fees Deducted	$0.50	$144.00
22	Waterfowl Stamp Fees Deducted	$0.25	$5.50
97	Archery Stamp Fees Deducted	$0.10	$9.70
407	Total Fees Deducted Licenses & Stamps		$159.20
288	Additional Fees Paid to Town of Easton	$1.00	$288.00
	Total Fees deducted		$447.20
	Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife		$9,137.25

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)		1995	1277
(Licenses and Stamps)	(First 6 Months)	1996	805
(Licenses and Stamps)		1997	902
(Licenses and Stamps)		1998	950
(Licenses and Stamps)		1999	895
		2000	819

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the year 2002.

During the past year two long time members of the department retired. Former Chief Phillip Blye retired on January 6, 2002 after 32 years of service and former Acting Chief Norman McNeill retired on June 30, 2002 after 38 years of service. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Over the course of their careers, they have worked hard to maintain the highest level of efficiency and have been of assistance to a great number of people in the community.

OPERATIONS

Once again, the demand for Fire Department services has increased. There were a total of 5,747 equipment responses during the year. Up from the previous year's total of 4,988. The department responded to 55 fires in structures, 144 brush fires, 29 vehicle fires, and 87 other types of fires. The department also responded to 2056 medical emergencies and 894 automobile accidents. A total of 857 patients were transported to local hospitals. The remainder of the responses can be categorized as either investigations of potentially hazardous situations or public service calls.

The department is currently staffed with 31 uniformed personnel. We have 3 unfilled vacancies (positions lost through attrition). Another position is currently vacant due to a member (FF / Paramedic Richard Salve) being called to active military duty. Our staffing level is below what it was back in the early 1980s (35 personnel). As a result of the staffing shortage, one of our 3 fire stations (Station # 2 on Depot St.) had to be closed for a considerable amount of time during the year. Unfortunately this trend will continue until additional staffing can be hired. Closing a station is a dangerous practice for several reasons. First of all, due to the size of the town and the poor road networking system (as pointed out by the consultants in the recent the Fire Study), three stations are needed to provide adequate coverage. With a station closed, the response times increase. In an emergency situation time can be a critical factor in determining the outcome of that situation. Secondly, the reason a station is closed is due to insufficient on-duty personnel to man the apparatus. We man our apparatus with only 2 firefighters (far below the accepted minimum national standard of 4). With insufficient staffing, the safety of the personnel responding to the needs of the community is jeopardized. Closing a station also hinders ours ability to respond to multiple calls. With increasing frequency there are times when all available on-duty personnel are committed to one call leaving no one available to respond to the next incident. We do have a method in place to call back off-duty personnel, but the number of call back personnel in minimal and unpredictable. We are forced to rely on mutual aid apparatus to respond to calls in our own town. Mutual aid is a vital part of any emergency response system, but the response times can be lengthy. To emphasize how critical the situation has become, in 2002 Easton Fire Department apparatus (Fire trucks and ambulances) responded on mutual aid to assist all our surrounding communities 49 times. Yet we had to call apparatus in from other communities 125 times to assist us. With all neighboring cities and towns experiencing cuts in local aid, mutual aid may not be as reliable has it has been.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Firefighting and emergency medical training are vital to ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively and efficiently to the many calls for assistance that we receive. Most of the training is conducted "in-service" while the personnel are on duty, but many members take advantage of training and educational opportunities on their own "off-duty" time. Captain James Walsh is the department's training officer and coordinates the training activities. We frequently work directly with the instructor / training staff of the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. This ensures that firefighting practices and procedures keep pace with new advances in technology.

Captain Antonio Gomes serves as the department's Hazardous Materials Training officer. In the post 9/11/2001 world in which we live, it is ever more important to maintain a high level of efficiency in dealing with hazardous substances. So training in this area is critical.

On an annual basis all EMTs, from the basic level to the paramedic level, are required to complete many hours of continuing education in order to improve their ability to deliver high quality medical care. Our Advanced Life Support coordinator FF / Paramedic Evan Malone conducts a lot of the medical training for department members along with offering CPR and first-aid training to various groups in the community

On the down side, due to a lack of funding necessary to provide specialized training, the Town of Easton no longer has a dive team. Efforts are underway to develop a regionalized dive team with some of our surrounding communities.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FIRE PREVENTION

The most important function of any Fire & Rescue Department is to prevent the occurrence of situations that produce injury, death, destruction to property or negatively impact our environment. We try to accomplish this through our Public Education and Fire Prevention division.

The S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program is now in its 8th year. This program is a cooperative effort between firefighters, school principals, teachers, and students. The program was originally developed and funded through a state grant. This year, due to cuts in the state's budget, the grant was not funded. However, I am very proud to say that this extremely important and successful program was presented to elementary school students, all though on a "scaled back" manner through the determined efforts of Captain Dave Beals, FF Larry Blye and FF Chris Mills. We hope that the grant funding will be restored in the future in order to assist us with expanding the program to reach other groups in the community.

The demands on the Fire Prevention office are continuing to increase. A great deal of new construction is taking place in Easton at this time. Captain John Howard is the department's fire prevention officer. He is responsible for reviewing the construction plans for all new buildings to ensure they meet the ever-changing fire codes. He is also responsible for conducting hundreds of inspections throughout the year. In addition to the annual inspection of all businesses licensed by the town, all schools and nursing homes were inspected. The following were also completed, 117 residential plan reviews, 352 smoke detector inspections, 137 oil burning equipment inspections, 51 propane fuels storage inspections, 116 certificates of compliance were issued for new homes, 15 commercial sprinkler system installation or revision inspections, and 16 commercial fire alarm system installation or revision inspections.

Once again our annual "open house" was conducted at the start of Fire Prevention Week in October. The event was very well attended.

FIRE ALARM

The municipal fire alarm system is now being upgraded and maintained by Captain James Walsh and FF William Wolffe several new radios activated fire alarm boxes were installed during the year. Master alarm boxes activated by a building's internal fire alarm system were installed at the following locations; Edwards Movers, My Brother's Keeper, Twin Brooks Club House, Schoolhouse Plaza, Holy Cross Church & Parish Center, Schoolhouse Apartments, and three on the Stonehill College Campus. New street boxes were added to the following new developments; Flyaway Pond, Frothingham Estates, and on Lilac Lane.

Last year, it was recommended that the Fire Alarm Bucket Truck be replaced. This 1978 vehicle was purchased second hand from the Edison Company back in 1993 for $6,500. The hydraulically operated bucket is actually a 1972 model swapped over by the Edison Company from an older truck. The bucket can no longer be used. A testing company would not certify the bucket for use due to the age (an Asplundh boom cannot be certified after 25 years of use) as well as some major repair problems. **It must be replaced.** The town is responsible for maintaining the municipal fire alarm system. Attempting to make repairs to the system without the use of a bucket is extremely dangerous and time consuming.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

The condition of our apparatus is growing ever more critical. Due to the fact that the Town has not funded a Capital Budget for several years now we have several pieces of apparatus that need to be replaced. One of our front line pumpers Engine # 3 (1987 E-One) was taken out of service two years ago. The annual inspection of the vehicle revealed that the main chassis frame rails had delaminated and cracked making the vehicle unsafe to use. Because this vehicle was not replaced, we are utilizing Engine # 5 (a 1974 Maxim pumper) as a front line response truck. This vehicle will be 29 years old shortly. Due to it's age, replacement parts are difficult to find and very expensive. There is a great deal of rot and rust on this truck. It must be replaced immediately. Our only reserve-pumping engine is Engine # 4 (a 1981 Mack). This vehicle is 22 years old, in need of repairs, and does not have many of the safety features of a newer piece of apparatus. Our two newest front line pumping engines are Engine # 2 (1999 Pierce) and Engine # 1 (1992 E-One). Engine # 2 is only 3 years old. It is in very good condition and should serve us well as a front line truck for several more years. Engine # 1 will be 11 years old shortly. This vehicle should be reconditioned so that it can be upgraded to today's safety standards. This will allow the truck to be used as a very good reserve unit for several more years.

Since the late 1980s, we have had a system in place to purchase a new Ambulance every three years. We currently utilize a 1999 Ambulance as our front line vehicle and a 1996 Ambulance as our back-up vehicle. Again, due to the lack of Capital Funding, we cannot replace one of our ambulances this year. This will force us to go beyond the 3-year replacement plan.

As I mentioned previously, the Fire Alarm Bucket Truck is out of service and needs to be replaced.

Fire Station # 2 on Depot Street, our oldest station, is in need of repairs or replacement. This station was built in 1934 under a Federal WPA project. The Fire Study committee concluded that a three-station configuration is necessary to adequately cover the Town. Of our three stations, the Depot Street station is most ideally located. It offers immediate access to the Town's only major east / west connector (Route 123) and it's main north / south connector (Route 138). The Town will face some financially difficult years in the near future. But the Town must decide to either make some major repairs to the present Depot Street Station or build a new building.

I am pleased to inform you that the Easton Fire Department was awarded a state-funded Firefighter Public Safety Equipment Grant in late December in the amount of $31,000. This is the largest grant ever received by the Fire Department to date. The grant will be used to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. This grant money combined with the $26,000 voted at the annual Town meeting will allow us to replace approximately 75% of our breathing apparatus. The units currently in service were originally purchased in 1984. They have been upgraded from time to time to meet new standards. But the units are almost 20 years old. So this grant will be very helpful in replacing some vital safety equipment used by the firefighters.

PERSONNEL

The members of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department continue to donate many hours of their own time in order to ensure that the department responds efficiently to the needs of the community. I would like to thank all of them for their commitment to this effort.

Mission Statement:

> "The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE".

NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Some of the Fire Department phone numbers have changed.

TO REPORT A FIRE OR ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

For other Fire Department business or assistance, Dial 508-230-3311

Please make note that the phone numbers for the Administrative offices and Fire Prevention Division have changed. New Numbers:

Chief's Office 508-230-0750
Fire Prevention Office 508-230-0750
Fax Number 508-238-2891

CONCLUSION

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the officers, firefighters, and the department's administrative secretary as well as all the Department heads and members of the various Town boards and committees for their assistance over the past year. The transition from Captain to Acting Chief to Chief of the Department would not have been possible without their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Stone, Fire Chief

2002 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.eastonpd.com

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 2002

The year 2002, due to the attack on New York last year, preparation for going to war with Iraq, coupled with a bad economy, has thrust us into a fiscal crisis. Public safety has been deeply affected. Our personnel have been reduced to a total of twenty-nine sworn officers. The state average for a town our size is 44 officers. Due to projected state cuts to local aid, it appears our numbers will continue to shrink.

Despite this crisis, proper police protection is available for our citizens. We cannot deliver our non-emergency services as quickly and most of our Community Policing projects are on hold.

Federal and state training has been made available for training our department in dealing with the threat of terrorism. Our department has been asked to do more with less and I'm proud to say our department has responded with a positive attitude working with what we have. Despite all of the events that have happened, Easton continues to be a safe town.

Nancy Grant who worked as the Chief's secretary for over twenty-five years retired. She will be missed tremendously. She was a true professional and added a special touch to our operations.

Officer Kevin Blakely left our department to be with his ailing mother in Florida. Kevin was a great asset to our department and we will miss him. Brandon Walkus and Robert Tuohy transferred this year to other departments. The fiscal crisis our town is facing was a factor in their choice to leave. We also thank them for the time they spent with us.

Keith Nunes was activated into the National Guard. We pray that he returns safety and we all appreciate the sacrifice he and his family are making.

I am pleased to report that overall most crime continues to remain at a low level. In 9 categories crime is down. In 6 categories crime is up slightly. Break & Entry Residences are down by 2, the second lowest in over thirty years. Domestic situations are up by 47. Arrests for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs are down from 90 to 65.

I am pleased to say that Traffic Accidents were down again by 14. Fatalities went from 2 to 1. Personal Injury Accidents are up from 114 to 149.

Our department is continuing to apply for, and receive, State and Federal Grants. Those involved are Sergeant John Lynn, Detective Michael Fox, George Allen, Patrick Healey and myself. Lois Welch helps prepare the volumes of paperwork involved in grant writing. My special thanks to all of them. We were the only department in the state to receive a Safe Haven Grant. ($350,000.)

State Community Oriented Policing Grant	$ 50,000
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	5,000
D.A.R.E. Summer Camp	10,500
Federal Grant Violence Against Women	28,000
State 2002 D.A.R.E. Grant	15,000
Governor's Highway Safety Grant	9,800
Governor's Highway Safety Grant enforcement	7,200
Safe Haven –Federal Grant	350,000

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received we are assisting with the training of our officers. Due to cuts, three detectives were put back in uniform. Denise Papagno still chairs our Family Violence Task Force and our HUGS (Acronym for Help Us Get Safe) Domestic Violence program.

Our D.A.R.E. program is right on track. Officer George Allen finished his fourth year as our D.A.R.E. Officer with excellence. We also conducted our D.A.R.E. camp for the eighth-year.

Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. Sgt. Robert Grinham is in charge of this program. We organized several cookouts, a Christmas party and our fourth senior prom. A special thanks to Elizabeth Verity, a senior citizen, who continues doing volunteer work.

Lois Welch, our secretary, continues to do an excellent job. She coordinates several volunteers that have helped replace Nancy Grant. A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that by working together our community has the ability to form its own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stanley P. Bates

2002 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS	**10, 027**

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered	3,258

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	8
Threats of Suicide	6
Rapes	1
Attempted Rapes	0
Statutory Rapes	0
Sexual Assaults	6
Robberies	7
Assault & Battery/Weapons	10
Assault & Battery	59

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	36
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed	86
B & E Business	15
B & E Attempts	21

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	106
Larcenies under $250	107
Larceny Attempts	1
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	16
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	6
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	18
Shoplifting	10

In Custody	266
ARRESTS	227
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	65
Protective Custody	39

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Situations	165
Domestic Violence	35
Disturbance	101
Disorderly Persons	11
Noise Complaints	155
General Service	776
Missing Persons	19
Vandalism	268
Alarms	1645
Annoying Phone Calls	74
Animal Complaints	379
Barking Dog Complaints	51
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	90

Fatal Accidents	1
Property Damage Accidents	549
Personal Injury Accidents	149

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	1608
Pistol Permits Issued	205
F.I.D. (Firearms Identification) Cards Issued	25

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Animal Control Department is responsible for enforcing the State, County and local government animal laws, protecting citizens from intimidation and injury from animals, protecting animals from health hazards, especially rabies, from abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment.

The Animal Control officers for the Town of Easton may be reached by calling (508) 230-3353 or, in case of an emergency, (508) 230-3322.

We would like to thank all the owners who are in compliance with the license laws. Licensing your dog is a valuable tool because it gives us information about the rabies vaccination and ownership of the dog. This information is extremely important to us in case of a bite incident or contact between your dog and wildlife. Also,* if a vehicle strikes your dog we know immediately who to contact.

A rabies vaccination by law is required for cats. A collar to identify the owner of your cat would be a great assist in getting the cat returned to the owner if found.

We would like to thank Sue Heath for her time and effort in composing a list of all dog owners in the Town, this is an invaluable tool for us to follow up on unlicensed dogs.

Sixteen animals were submitted to the State Lab Virology Division for testing. They were five bats, three cats, three dogs, three skunks and two raccoons. We had two raccoons, which tested positive.

West Nile Virus is still around. We only sent three birds into the lab to be tested. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has a new protocol for submitting dead birds to the State lab. They are as follows: Specimen is a crow or blue jay, has been dead less than twenty-four hours, and is intact and free of maggots, flies and ants.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls received	2528
Complaints	1366
General Info	1162
Missing animals	211
Dogs picked up	49
Dead animals	262

Forty dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. One dog was turned over to Mansfield ACO, one dog was turned over to West Bridgewater ACO, and seven dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. Five cats were turned over to the MSPCA. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals.

Calls for sightings of wildlife are increasing due to the diminishing of their habitat. This causes them to prey closer to the populated areas to find food. Make sure dog and cat food is not left outside and garbage is properly covered.

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints with hearings held at the Police Station. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Police philosophy. Lieutenant Allen Krajcik has conducted numerous hearings at the station with many complaints being solved. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work, but unfortunately we had nineteen court cases.

Dead animals picked up were fifty-three skunks, forty-two cats, forty-one raccoons, thirty-five deer, twenty-five squirrels, eighteen foxes, nine opossums, six dogs, six rabbits, four fishers, five bats, three geese, three hawks, three ducks, one pheasant and ten birds.

We would like to thank the Police Chief, Dispatchers, members of the Police and Fire Departments, Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Board of Health and the DPW for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin ACO
Elizabeth DeRosa ACO

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

This was the second year for the operation of the Permanent Landfill Committee. The year began by receiving notice from the Massachusetts's Attorney General that our rejection of the apparent lower bidder for capping the Landfill was upheld. Our rejection of the apparent low bidder was based on what was believed to be a flawed analysis by original Landfill consultants. Upon receiving this notice, we recommended to the Board Of Selectmen that all bids from the previous solicitation be formally rejected. In January 2002, the Permanent Landfill Committee recommended that the firm of Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) be considered as the Project Manager (PM) for the 3rd attempt to successfully cap the Landfill. However, we also advised that a PM contract should not be awarded until we received all the data regarding the present testing procedures that were ongoing at the Landfill. In the interim, the Permanent Landfill Committee assisted on the drafting of the anticipated PM contract. The award of a PM contract to CDM was unanimously voted upon by the Board Of Selectmen in March 2002.

Simultaneously with the above actions, the Permanent Landfill Committee recommended that work should commence on the drafting of a solicitation for the new and revised Scope Of Work and Specifications for the recapping of the Landfill. This process took approximately 3 months and included such recommendations of the Permanent Landfill Committee as 1) relocation of the active flare system to the rear of the Landfill, 2) amenities to be included for the entrance of the Landfill facing Prospect Street and 3) removing future Landfill use work from the Base Bid and making it an Alternate. Based on the recommendations of the Permanent Landfill Committee, the Board Of Selectmen n August 2002 unanimously voted that the contract for the recapping of the landfill should be awarded to the firm of ET&L in the amount of $2,272,615.

In August 2002, a Special Meeting was held in the Southeastern Regional School to advise the residents in the immediate vicinity of the Landfill of exactly what could be expected during the recapping of the Landfill. In attendance at this Special Meeting were representatives of CDM (Project Manager), ET&L (Contractor), Town Officials and Permanent Landfill Committee Members. Discussions centered on such items as hours of work, scheduling, odor and dust control, noise and truck traffic. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 residents of the immediate vicinity of the Landfill.

A Pre-Construction Meeting was held on September 6, 2002 with CDM, ET&L, Town Officials and two members of the Permanent Landfill Committee. Upon completion of this meeting, ET&L started to mobilize and started to move equipment onto the Landfill Site. Also during September 2002, a series of On Site Meeting were held at the Landfill Site to discuss progress to date and a "look ahead" to upcoming work. These On Site Meetings were chaired by CDM with ET&L, Town Officials and a Permanent Landfill Committee member in attendance. The On Site Meeting Minutes were formalized and included in the Weekly Landfill Report submitted to the Board Of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Finance Committee, Board Of Health, Permanent Landfill Committee, CDM and the Massachusetts Department Of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Due to continued inclement weather, ET&L secured and shut down the Landfill Site on December 13, 2003 and plans to resume work in early Spring. Work had progressed somewhat behind the original schedule as of the time of shut down. As of December 31, 2002, approximately 32% (($1,087,110) of the adjusted budget of $3,436,178 has been paid.

It is anticipated that during 2003, the Permanent Landfill Committee will be addressing such items as continued odors and related health issues, change orders and the allowance and/or non-allowance of future use of the Landfill Site.

Respectfully submitted,

Voting Members
Henry Mehler, Chairman
Peter Downey, Vice Chairman
Jay Conceison, Secretary
Gil Heino
Todd Heino
Richard Harb, Alternate

Ex-Officio
Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator
Wayne Southworth, DPW Director
David Brown, Finance Committee
William Grimes, Board of Health

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2002

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 4th day of February next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2002

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. with quorum present.

The following list of non-registered voters were voted admittance to the hall: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Gary Brackett, Town Counsel Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District; MEDIA: Easton Journal: Erika Finchen; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Ryan McLane; State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnn Sprague; State Representative David Flynn; David Cardoza and Steve Hall, Massachusetts Electric re: Streetlighting Article; John & Susan Shortsleeve, Bay State Consultants re: Streetlighting Article; Rodney Cardoza, Suffolk University.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State Office of Dam Safety the sum of $75,000, with a certain sum to be transferred to the Department of Public Works fiscal 2002 operating budget as reimbursement for dam repair-related expenses incurred in this fiscal year, and the remaining funds to be reserved for dam reconstruction and/or repairs throughout the Town as needed, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF DAM SAFETY THE SUM OF $75,000, WITH $5,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FISCAL 2002 OPERATING BUDGET AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAM REPAIR-RELATED EXPENSES INCURRED IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, AND THE REMAINING FUNDS TO BE RESERVED FOR DAM RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AS NEEDED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $50,000 for expenses related to the capping and closure of the Easton Sanitary Landfill, including related engineering costs, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $50,000 FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CAPPING AND CLOSURE OF THE EASTON SANITARY LANDFILL, INCLUDING RELATED ENGINEERING COSTS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing computer software and data conversion to facilitate dispatching in the Easton Fire Department or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 3. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for costs related to the conduct of emergency and disaster planning and training and for equipment and supplies for the Town's emergency evacuation center and emergency operations center, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF $3,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THE COST OF OPERATING AND EQUIPPING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION CENTER. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to reimburse employees for the cost of vacation buy-back owed them as a consequence of their leaving a union benefit plan and converting to a non-union benefit plan, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $3,269.70 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF VACATION BUY-BACK OWED TO THE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AS A CONSEQUENCE OF LEAVING A UNION BENEFIT PLAN AND MOVING TO A NON-UNION BENEFIT PLAN. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing a sum of money for the purchase of public street lights in the Town from Massachusetts Electric Company and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(14) or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes therefore and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all contracts in connection therewith, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED THAT $220,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS INTHE TOWN FROM MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COM0PANY; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $220,000 UNDER G.L. ch. 44, S.7 (3) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT.

During discussion of Article 6, the following counters were duly sworn: Jonathan Richman, Walter Messcher, Colleen Corona, Richard Harb, Michael Boyle, Gerald Marsan. The counters determined 122 in favor of closing debate and 58 opposed to closing debate. Debate was closed.

*The final vote on the Motion was **65 Yes and 115 No. NOT A VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Local 2790 International Association of Fire fighters, AFL-CIO for fiscal year 2001, 2002 and 2003, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $35,407.66 AND THE SUM OF $16,592.34 FROM ARTICLE 4 OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2000 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND LOCAL 2790 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Easton Police Association for the fiscal years 2001, 2002 and 2003, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $39,457.32 AND THE SUM OF $15,394.12 FROM ARTICLE 5 OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2000 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND THE SUM OF $10,058.56 FROM ARTICLE 6 OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2000 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE EASTON POLICE ASSOCIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association (Easton DPW Unit) for the fiscal years 2001, 2002 and 2003, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $98,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (EASTON DPW UNIT) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 2002, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $113,576.38 AND THE SUM OF $150,000 FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING BUDGETS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AND IN THE AMOUNTS LISTED BELOW:

TOWN COUNSEL	*$ 19,000.00*
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	*$ 3,171.00*
TOWN CLERK	*$ 17,500.00*
PLANNING AND ZONING	*$ 2,000.00*
BUILDING INSPECTOR	*$ 6,000.00*
POLICE	*$ 12,285.47*
FIRE	*$ 18,830.50*
DPW	*$ 28,889.41*
BOARD OF HEALTH	*$ 3,900.00*
VETERANS	*17,000.00*
UNCLASSIFIED	*$135,000.00*
TOTAL	*$263,576.38*

An amendment to reduce the total to $246,576,38, reducing $17,000 from the Veterans Budget, was NOT A VOTE.

MAIN MOTION – ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring during FY'02, as well as other costs required to be paid at retirement by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $12,170.19 TO PAY THE COST OF SICK AND VACATION BUY-BACK FOR A RETIRING EMPLOYEE. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 12. ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $162.23 TO PAY THE COST OF BILLS INCURRED IN A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the difference between the salary received by Town employees, and the salary received while on duty with the U. S. Armed Forces, during the period of time that they are activated, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 14. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $18,800.00 to reimburse the DPW budget for the installation of a 100HP Cleaver Brooks Boiler at the Easton Junior High School which includes labor and materials for all steam, gas and water, piping, venting, and electrical controls, as well as associated startup and training, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF $18,800 TO REIMBURSE THE DPW BUDGET FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 100HP CLEAVER BROOKS BOILER AT THE EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WHICH INCLUDES LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR ALL STEAM, GAS AND WATER, PIPING, VENTING, AND ELECTRICAL CONTROLS, AS WELL AS ASSOCIATED STARTUP AND TRAINING. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to exercise its option to purchase a parcel of land for conservation purposes, under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 61A, section 14, said land purportedly being owned by Louis F. Freitas and containing 12.7 acres, more or less, being shown on the Town of Easton Assessor's Map R3, as Lot 37, and further, to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring said land for conservation purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND THE SUM OF $15,000 TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 61A, SECTION 14, SAID LAND PURPORTEDLY BEING OWNED BY LOUIS F. FREITAS AND CONTAINING 12.7 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF EASTON ASSESSOR'S MAP R3, AS LOT 37.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for and on behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift for municipal purposes a parcel of land purported to be owned by Muhammad Itani, Trustee of Stonebridge Land Development Trust, said property being described as follows:

> Lot A, containing an area of approximately 6,700 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Tanglewood Estates definitive subdivision of Land in Easton, Massachusetts," dated February 19, 1999, revised through November 1, 1999, and recorded with the Bristol County (N.D.) Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Pages 33-39; (also being a portion of Lot 15, as shown on the Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. R15).

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO ACQUIRE BY GIFT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES A PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY MUHAMMAD ITANI, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the fourth paragraph of M.G.L. c. 71, Sec. 16B, to reallocate the sum of their required contribution to the Southeastern Regional Vocational-Technical School (the District) in accordance with the District's regional agreement, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO REALLOCATE THE TOWN'S REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO CONFORM TO THE DISTRICTS REGIONAL AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 71, SEC. 16B, PARAGRAPH 4.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing an amendment to Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000, the so-called Community Preservation Act, to allow a member of the Local Housing Partnership to become a member of the Community Preservation Act Committee, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 19. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning Map dated June 4, 2001 (original date March 7, 1973) by rezoning the property known as the North Easton Grammar School, shown on Assessor's Map no. U17 as Lots 72 and 87 and on Assessor's Map no. U16 as Lot 119, from Municipal and Open Space to Business, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO TABLE ARTICLE 20 TO THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2002. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10-4 of the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically paragraph 4.(c)1. thereof, by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

> 1. Erection of a temporary sign shall require a permit from the building inspector. The fee for each fourteen (14) day period shall be determined by the building inspector. No more than two (2) permits shall be granted in one calendar year.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 10-4 OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY PARAGRAPH 4.(C)1. THEREOF, BY DELETING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

> *1. ERECTION OF A TEMPORARY SIGN SHALL REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR. THE FEE FOR EACH FOURTEEN (14) DAY PERIOD SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR. NO MORE THAN TWO (2) PERMITS SHALL BE GRANTED IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR.*

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 93, Section 93-18 thereof, by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

A. Every master box owner whose fire alarm system on the effective date of this article is connected to the EFD by way of a master box shall pay an Annual Fee.

B. Every master box owner whose fire alarm system is connected after the effective date of this article to the EFD by way of a master box shall pay a Permit Fee, a Connection Fee and an Annual Fee.

C. Before any fire alarm system is connected to the EFD, the master box owner shall provide the Fire Chief with the following information:

1. The name, address and home and work telephone numbers of the master box owner;
2. The street address where the master box is located;
3. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons that own or operate businesses protected by the fire alarm system connected to the master box;
4. The names, addresses and home and work telephone numbers of at least two persons other than the owner who can be contacted 24 hours a day, who are authorized by the master box owner to respond to an alarm signal and who have access to the premises in which the master box is located; and
5. Any other such information as the Fire Chief may require.

D. If at the passage of this article a fire alarm system has already been connected to the EFD by way of a master box, the master box owner shall comply with the requirements of this section within 60 days after the EFD has sent him notice by first class mail of the requirements of this section.

E. If a master box owner fails to comply with this section, the Fire Chief may assess a fine for each day of non-compliance.

F. Fees and fines under this section may be set from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 93, SECTION 93-18 THEREOF, BY DELETING SAID SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UANANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

At 10:28 p.m., it was VOTED to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting. Total Voters Present – 226.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of January in the year Two Thousand and Two.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Jeffrey L. Tufts, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. 1/16/02

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 11th day of March next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

At 7:00 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned to the Gymnasium by Moderator Richard C. Dailey, due to the large number of voters in attendance. At 7:46 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Moderator Dailey in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium. The following counters were appointed and duly sworn: Barry DunKley, Karen Grant, John Kent, Peter Twiraga, Sean Fitzgerald, Gerald Marsan, Bruce Baker, Ralph Ventresco, Elliot Slom, Michael Boyle, Arthur Williams, Carol Kelly, Clifford Skip Davis, Christopher Kone, Louis Ansello, Christine Margulies.

Selectman Chairman William Hardin called for a moment of silence for the sixth month anniversary of September 11, 2001.

The following list of non-registered voters was moved and Unanimously voted: DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting): Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District. MEDIA: Easton Journal, Erika Finchen; Media One, Robyn Souza; Enterprise, Ryan McLane; Easton Bulletin; Easton Buzz. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnn Sprague; State Representative David Flynn; State Senator Brian Joyce. MICROPHONE CARRIERS: Tara Fisher, James Lucey, Jason Piques, Pat Johnson, Adam Kafka, Tatiana Santos. REQUESTING ATTENDANCE FOR 3/11/02: Loren Belida, Dave Backlin, Nancy Ahearn, Architects for School Project; Jonathan Struzik, 46 Scotch Dam Road, Student.

Senator Brian Joyce was introduced.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning Map dated June 4, 2001 (original date March 7, 1973) by rezoning the property known as the North Easton Grammar School, shown on Assessor's Map no. U17 as Lots 72 and 87 and on Assessor's Map no. U16 as Lot 119, from Municipal and Open Space to Business, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING MAP DATED JUNE 4, 2001 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) BY REZONING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL, SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP NO. U17 AS LOT 72 AND ASSESSOR'S MAP NO. U16 AS LOT 119, FROM MUNICIPAL AND OPEN SPACE TO BUSINESS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Local 2790 International Association of Fire fighters, AFL-CIO for fiscal year 2001, 2002 and 2003, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT 01-101-15-6086, VOTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2002 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, THE SUM OF $2,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND LOCAL 2790 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications and other related preliminary expenses and for the construction of additions to and remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Easton Junior High School and the Oliver Ames High School, including original equipment and furnishings and related site improvements; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether all or any portion of this appropriation shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2 ½ debt exemption vote; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Planning Committee)

MOVED THAT $1,900,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE COST OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED PRELIMINARY EXPENSES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO AND REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAKING EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND THE OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AND THAT $66,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO AND REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAKING EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND THE OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS; THAT TO MEET THESE APPROPRIATIONS THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $67,900,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OR CHAPTER 70B OF THE GENERAL LAWS OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY; AND THAT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO DEBT MAY BE INCURRED UNDER THIS VOTE FOR EITHER SCHOOL PROJECT, EXCEPT FOR THE $1,900,000 BORROWING AUTHORIZED FOR THE COST OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED PRELIMINARY EXPENSES, UNTIL THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS INCLUDED THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR A STATE

SCHOOL FACILITIES GRANT FOR SUCH SCHOOL PROJECT ON ITS LIST OF COMPLETED PROJECT APPLICATIONS, SHOWING THE PRIORITY ASSIGNED; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT NO DEBT MAY BE INCURRED UNDER THIS VOTE UNTIL THE TOWN VOTES TO EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITATION ON TOTAL TAXES IMPOSED BY G.L. C.59,§21C (PROPOSITION 2 ½) AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BORROWING AUTHORIZED BY THIS VOTE. ***YES 865; NO 64, VOTE CARRIES.***

A motion to RECONSIDER ARTICLE 3 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, a sum of money for the purpose of funding pre-construction and legal professional services related to the proposed renovations and additions to the Easton Junior High School and Oliver Ames High School and any other expenses related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Municipal Building Committee and School Planning Committee)

MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 4. ***VOTED TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Special Town Meeting was DISSOLVED at 8:47 p.m. Total Voters Present – 961.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of February in the year Two Thousand and Two.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Jeffrey L. Tufts, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. February 25, 2002

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Special Town Election

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2 & 4 – Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3 & 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 2002, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for the following question:

QUESTION 1.
Shall the Town of Easton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications and other related preliminary expenses and the construction of additions to and remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Easton Junior High School and the Oliver Ames High School, including original equipment and furnishings and related site improvements?

YES NO

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 4th day of March, 2002.

William D. Hardin
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
Patricia E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. 3/8/02
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk of Easton

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2002

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One: J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Albert Becker, Deputy Clerk; Wilfred Roberge, Joseph Camara, Bernard Laferriere, Checkers.

Precinct Two: Maureen Papinea, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Deputy Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Mary Jane Wood, Checkers.

Precinct Three: Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Beverly Hanson, Ella Porter, Rose Furlong, E. Pamela Corbett, Checkers.

Precinct Four: Robert Leonard, Acting Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; Barbara Walsh, Catharine Becker, Lorraine Anderson, Ethel Gardner, Checkers.

Precinct Five: Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Bennie Moore, Virginia Corte, Elizabeth Verity, Nicolina Previti, Evelyn Simpson, Mary Louise Newman, Checkers.

Precinct Six: Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman, Deputy Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Susan Henderson, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, Joan Hayward, Checkers.

Election Results:

Special Town Override Election							
Tuesday, March 26, 2002							
OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS							
	Pct 1	**Pct 2**	**Pct 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct 5**	**Pct 6**	**Total**
Total Votes Cast:	535	988	623	968	950	768	4832
The result of the Special Election was:							
QUESTION 1 - School Debt Exclusion Override							
Yes	240	396	218	464	510	339	2167
No	295	591	405	504	440	428	2663
Blanks	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	535	988	623	968	950	768	4832

A true record. Attest: Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Annual Town Election
April 23, 2002

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2 & 4 – Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3 & 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 2002, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes on one ballot for the following officers:

One Selectmen for a term of three years;
One Assessor for a term of three years;
Two School Committee members for terms of three years;
One Board of Health member for a term of three years;
One Housing Authority member for a term of five years;
Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years;
One Finance Committee member for a term of one year

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of March, 2002.

William D. Hardin
Patricia Webster
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Easton, Mass. 4/9/02
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk of Easton

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2002

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, April 23, 2002. The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One: J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Albert Becker, Deputy Clerk; Wilfred Roberge, Joseph Quieto, John Sullivan, Checkers.

Precinct Two: Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Deputy Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Virginia Corte, Checkers.

Precinct Three: Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, E. Pamela Corbett, Patricia Dooley, Joseph Camara, Checkers.

Precinct Four: Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; Barbara Walsh, Catharine Becker, Lorraine Anderson, Checkers.

Precinct Five: Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Bennie Moore, Elizabeth Verity, Nicolina Previti, Evelyn Simpson, Mary Louise Newman, William McAndrews, Checkers.

Precinct Six: Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman, Deputy Warden; Marilyn Williams, Deputy Clerk; Susan Henderson, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, Joan Hayward, William Sullivan, Checkers.

Election Results:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total	
Total Votes Cast:	437	969	514	739	669	589	3917	
Election Results:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total	
(Bold type = Elected to Office)								
SELECTMEN (Three Years) (Not more than One)								
Gerard S. Marsan	251	539	255	443	429	356	2273	
Anne Marie Martin	181	420	256	288	230	227	1602	
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	
Blanks	4	10	3	7	10	5	39	
Total	437	969	514	739	669	589	3917	
ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)								
Gerald J. Noonan	298	657	346	494	449	407	2651	
Write-Ins	2	6	2	3	1	1	15	
Blanks	137	306	166	242	219	181	1251	
Total	437	969	514	739	669	589	3917	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More Than Two)								
William P. Braun	279	625	316	461	409	361	2451	
Caroline S. O'Neill	286	634	312	480	443	403	2558	
Write-Ins	1	7	6	1	5	4	24	
Blanks	308	672	394	536	481	410	2801	

Total	874	1938	1028	1478	1338	1178	7834	
BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)								
David E. Gardner	192	430	238	323	302	260	1745	
Gilbert A. Heino	210	495	241	359	282	280	1867	
Write-Ins	0	1	3	0	0	2	6	
Blanks	35	43	32	57	85	47	299	
Total	437	969	514	739	669	589	3917	
HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years) (One)								
Daniel M. Crane	296	638	342	467	435	396	2574	
Write-Ins	0	5	1	2	0	0	8	
Blanks	141	326	171	270	234	193	1335	
Total	437	969	514	739	669	589	3917	

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)								
Allen R. Barron	235	538	294	364	352	333	2116	
Robert L. Hicks	251	573	289	411	373	346	2243	
Stuart R. Benton	257	595	316	406	394	369	2337	
Write-Ins	4	10	8	6	1	1	30	
Blanks	564	1191	635	1030	887	718	5025	
Total	1311	2907	1542	2217	2007	1767	11751	
FINANCE COMMITTEE (One Year) (One)								
Mark S. Carpentier	171	430	206	324	304	224	1659	
Patrick A. Goodman	168	354	206	270	233	271	1502	
Write-Ins	0	2	0	2	1	0	5	
Blanks	98	183	102	143	131	94	751	
Total	437	969	514	739	669	589	3917	

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2002

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 20th day of May, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2002

The Annual Town Meeting in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Moderator Richard C. Dailey, with quorum present.

The following non-registered voters were voted admittance to the hall:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting): Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Paulette Hollis, substituting for Anne Carney, Assessor; Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; Domenic Lombardi, Business Manager, Southeastern Regional School District. MEDIA: Easton Journal, Erika Finchen; Media One, Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Ryan McLane. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnn Sprague; State Representative David Flynn; Jim Gordon, Congressman Stephen Lynch's Office; State Senator Brian Joyce. MICROPHONE CARRIER: Brian Feldman. REQUESTING ATTENDANCE FOR 5/20/02: Richard Spieler, Camp Dresser & McKee re Landfill Article; Neil Levine, Maguire's Restaurant regarding the non-smoking by-law article; Catherine Salisbury, SERSG.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies and services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2003, "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", shall not exceed $30,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

MOVED to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", as printed in the Warrant. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003 known as the "Subdivision Inspection Fees Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other moneys of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative cost, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction; and any other related expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account.
3. The Planning & Zoning Board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2003 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed $50,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

MOVED to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003 known as the "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account," which shall be accounted for separately from all other moneys of the Town, as printed in the Warrant. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified Food Inspector for Food Service Inspections and/or for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended to any qualified Food Inspector for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;
2. Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and

4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2003, "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", shall not exceed $17,500.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Health)

MOVED to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified Food Inspector for Food Service Inspections and/or for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. *The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying any qualified Food Inspector for performing inspections, for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;*
2. *Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;*
3. *The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and*
4. *The amounts expended from Fiscal 2003, "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", shall not exceed $17,500.*

VOTED.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2003, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees for witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations within the Town of Easton to be known as "On-Site Septic Service Account", and funds from said account may be paid out for administrative costs and to any qualified professional, approved by the Commonwealth without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying for administrative costs and for services related to witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations approved by the Board of Health;
2. Only fees received for work related to septic system design, approval and/or soil exploration shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2003 "On-Site Septic Service Account", shall not exceed $60,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Health)

MOVED to dismiss article 5. ***VOTED TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 2002 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the sum of $36,500 of which $10,000 will be transferred to the Town Clerk's budget, $20,000 will be transferred to the Town Counsel budget and $6,500 will be transferred to the Veterans budget. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring or otherwise separating from Town service during FY'03, as well as other costs required to be paid at separation by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the amount of $54,589 to pay for the cost of sick leave and/or vacation leave buy-back for employees retiring or otherwise separating from Town service, as well as other costs required to be paid at separation by collective bargaining contract or by-law. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to dismiss Article 8. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 8c of the Mass. General Laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to dismiss Article 9. ***VOTED TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the sum of $20,000 to be placed in the unemployment compensation fund. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to dismiss Article 11. ***VOTED TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the June 12, 2000 Special Town Meeting, which vote appropriated by transfer from available funds the sum of $400,000 to pay for the design, engineering, materials, construction and other costs associated with the installation of the so-called library access road and associated work, to instead appropriate the funds by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to amend the vote passed under Article 16 of the warrant for the June 12, 2000 special town meeting to read as follows: "that $400,000 is appropriated for design, engineering, materials, construction and other costs associated with the installation of the so-called library access road and associated work, said access road to be constructed from Lincoln Street to the Ames Free Library, Easton's Public Library, in accordance with plans prepared by Schwartz/Silver Architects, Inc. and/or Judith Nitsch Engineering, Inc., said construction subject to the issuance of all necessary state and local permits; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $400,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws." ***VOTED. 75 YES, 10 NO.***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize transfer of $400,000 to the Stabilization Fund, being the balance in General Ledger Fund Account 47-3551, Library Access Road, which was appropriated pursuant to Article 16 of the June 12, 2000, Special Town Meeting. (Citizen Petition)

MOVED to authorize the transfer of $400,000 to the Stabilization Fund, being the balance in General Ledger Fund Account 47-3551, Library Access Road, which was appropriated pursuant to Article 16 of the June 12, 2000, Special Town Meeting. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2003 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

MOVED to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2003, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from fiscal year 2003 Community Preservation Fund revenues, unless otherwise specified, for fiscal year 2003 Community Preservation Purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

Purpose	***Recommended Amount***
Appropriations	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	*$ 5,000.00*
Reserves	
Open Space	*$ 45,606.00*
Historic Resources	*45,606.00*
Community Housing	*45,606.00*

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for expenses related to the revaluation of property including consulting services, data processing services, related supplies and materials or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Assessors)

MOVED to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the sum of $35,000 to pay for expenses related to the revaluation of property including consulting services, data processing services, related supplies and materials or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from account 01-003-15-6003, voted pursuant to Article 7of the June 2, 1997 Special Town Meeting, a sum of money to be used for purpose of funding recruitment costs and related expenses for the hiring of a new Fire Chief and Town Administrator, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to appropriate by transfer from account 01-003-15-6003, voted pursuant to Article 7of the June 2, 1997 Special Town Meeting, the sum of $20,964.30 to be used for purpose of funding recruitment costs and related expenses for the hiring of a new Fire Chief and Town Administrator. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting). (Submitted by Town Administrator)

MOVED to appropriate the sum of $43,643,646 of which $40,098,526 shall be raised by taxation, $100,000 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, $130,181 shall be transferred from the Pension Reserve Fund, $120,352 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $199,399 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2002 operating budget Southeastern Regional School appropriation, $50,000 shall be transferred from the subdivision inspection fees account, $10,000 shall be transferred from the Conservation Chapter 227 filing fee account, $10,000 shall be transferred from the Conservation Wetlands Revolving Fund, $25,077 shall be transferred from the Recreation Revolving Fund, $494,709 shall be transferred from offset receipts and $2,405,402 shall be transferred from water receipts, all to meet the Town charges, including salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2003 as follows:

FD-DPT	*DEPARTMENT NAME*	*AMOUNT*
01-003	*SELECTMEN*	*324,814*
01-007	*TOWN COUNSEL*	*165,000*
01-011	*FINANCE COMMITTEE*	*3,500*
01-013	*RESERVE FUND*	*30,000*
01-025	*ACCOUNTANT*	*147,863*
01-029	*ASSESSORS*	*183,444*
01-033	*TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER*	*293,949*
01-039	*TOWN CLERK*	*210,024*
01-051	*DATA PROCESSING*	*204,677*
01-063	*PLANNING & ZONING*	*84,412*
01-101	*POLICE*	*2,844,944*
01-103	*FIRE*	*2,150,412*
01-104	*AMBULANCE*	*309,795*
01-105	*FIRE ALARM*	*26,200*
01-113	*BUILDING DEPARTMENT*	*213,000*
01-225	*SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL*	*396,798*
01-300	*DPW ADMINISTRATION*	*2,035,332*
01-487	*CONSERVATION COMMISSION*	*35,278*
01-501	*BOARD OF HEALTH*	*182,065*
01-531	*COUNCIL ON AGING*	*183,636*
01-551	*VETERANS DEPARTMENT*	*134,056*
01-600	*RECREATION DEPARTMENT*	*75,077*
01-601	*RECREATION - POOL*	*32,334*
01-625	*LIBRARY*	*366,354*
01-700	*MATURING DEBT & INTEREST*	*2,883,362*

01-750	*UNCLASSIFIED*	*6,020,105*
61-500	*WATER DIVISION*	*1,850,718*
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	*22,256,497*
	TOTAL FY 2003 BUDGET	*43,643,646*

During discussion of the Fiscal 2003 budget, the following line items were held for further discussion: Selectmen, Town Counsel, Police, Fire, DPW Administration, Council on Aging, Unclassified and School Department. The non-held items were VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

During discussion of the Selectmen's Budget, there was a motion to remove the Assistant Town Administrator's position. Moderator Dailey ruled the motion out of order as the amount of money rather for the position was needed. The motion was then made to reduce the Selectmen's Budget by $79,838. There was then a motion to TABLE the entire budget article for further information. This motion was NOT A VOTE (5 YES, 130, NO.) There was then a call to close debate. There were 13 Opposed and 50 in Favor. The Motion to Amend was NOT A VOTE. $324,814 was then voted for the Selectmen's Budget.

The remainder of the held items were then voted as presented. The Main Motion in the amount of $43,643,646 was a ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Selectmen	$1,800.00
Board of Health	$1,000.00
Board of Assessors	$1,800.00
Moderator	$ 100.00

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Capter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Selectmen	*$1,800.00*
Board of Health	*$1,000.00*
Board of Assessors	*$1,800.00*
Moderator	*$ 100.00*

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2003, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting) (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

MOVED to appropriate the sum of $307,000 of which $90,000 shall be transferred from the sale of real estate account, $20,000 shall be transferred from account 01-003-15-6071, voted pursuant to Article 7 of the March 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting, $4,265.63 shall be transferred from account 01-003-15-6055, voted pursuant to Article 18 of the April 10, 2000 Annual Town Meeting, $3,397.19 shall be transferred from account 01-003-15-6086, voted pursuant to article 8 of the February 4, 2002 Special Town Meeting, $40,337.18 shall be transferred from overlay surplus and $149,000 shall be transferred from water surplus for the purpose of funding capital expenses as listed below:

1) POLICE CRUISERS (4)	*$132,000*

2) FIRE DEPT SCOTT AIR PACKS	*$ 26,000*
3) STORMWATER MGT STUDY	*$ 50,000*
4) WATER DEPT UTILITY TRUCK	*$ 33,000*
5) WATER DEPT DUMP TRUCK W/ PLOW	*$ 41,000*
6) WATER DEPT PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	*$ 25,000*
TOTAL	*$307,000*

VOTED.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, in addition to the $500,000 previously appropriated by the vote passed under Article 11 of the warrant for the October 30, 2000 special town meeting, for the purpose of installing water ultraviolet disinfection equipment at six well site pumping stations and for related appurtenances, and for all engineering, legal and related consulting services and any other expenses related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation and the previous appropriation voted for this project shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED that $200,000 be appropriated, in addition to the $500,000 previously appropriated by the vote passed under Article 11 of the warrant for the October 30,2000 special town meeting, for the purpose of installing water ultraviolet disinfection equipment at six well site pumping stations and for related appurtenances, and for all engineering, legal and related consulting services and any other expenses related thereto; that this appropriation and the previous appropriation voted for this project shall include without limitation all costs of such project as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this additional appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $200,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of the appropriation made by this vote and the previous appropriation voted for this project from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, in addition to the $1,100,000 previously appropriated by the vote passed under Article 10 of the warrant for the November 22, 1999 special town meeting, for the purpose of installing water mains and related appurtenances on Depot Street and Purchase Street, including bond issuance and other related costs; to determine whether this appropriation and the previous appropriation voted for this project shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED that $300,000 be appropriated, in addition to the $1,100,000 previously appropriated by the vote passed under Article 10 of the warrant for the November 22,1999 special town meeting, for the purpose of installing water mains and related appurtenances on Depot Street and Purchase Street, including bond issuance and other related costs; that this appropriation and the previous appropriation voted for this project shall include without limitation all costs of such project as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this additional appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $300,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of the appropriation made by this vote and the previous appropriation voted for this project from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to *contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.* ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 22. To appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 235 of the Acts of 1999 the sum of $162,474.30 and Ch. 53C of the Acts of 1999 the sum of $165,545.96 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 235 of the Acts of 1999 the sum of $162,474.30 and Ch. 53C of the Acts of 1999 the sum of $165,545.96 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 17 of the November 9, 1998 Special Town Meeting, which vote appropriated $1.8 million for the purpose of closing and capping the sanitary landfill on Prospect Street including all costs related thereto, and authorized the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow $1.8 million for such purpose (said vote having been amended by a vote under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of October 30, 2000 by increasing the appropriation and authorization to borrow by $1,235,000) by further increasing the amount of the appropriation and authorization to borrow, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED that $2.4 million be appropriated, in addition to the $1,800,000 previously appropriated by the vote under Article 17 of the warrant for the November 9, 1998 special town meeting and the $1,235,000 previously appropriated by the vote passed under Article 8 of the warrant for the October 30, 2000 special town meeting, for the purpose of closing and capping the sanitary landfill on Prospect Street, including engineering costs, bidding costs, surveying costs, equipment rental costs, contracting costs, material costs, testing costs, permit costs and any other expenses related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $2.4 million under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; and that the November 9, 1998 vote and the October 30, 2000 vote are hereby amended to reflect such additional appropriation, borrowing authorization and purpose. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to accept on behalf of the Town a deed to any parcel of land in Easton, in which all persons who have an interest in title join as grantors, in lieu of foreclosure of a tax title on such parcel, provided however that such deed in lieu of foreclosure shall only be accepted where there are no liens or encumbrances on the land other than those of the Town. (G.L. C60§77c). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to authorize the Collector/Treasurer to accept on behalf of the Town a deed to any parcel of land in Easton, in which all persons who have an interest in title join as grantors, in lieu of foreclosure of a tax title on such parcel, provided however that such deed in lieu of foreclosure shall only be accepted where there are no liens or encumbrances on the land other than those of the Town. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 25. Article. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by inserting a new Chapter 195 entitled "Smoking Ban in Public Places in the Town of Easton" to read as printed below,

Chapter 195

Smoking Ban in Public Places in the Town of Easton

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S. 195-1. Introduction

Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke ("ETS") otherwise known as second-hand smoke presents a serious and substantial hazard to the public health and safety of citizens of the Town. Of particular concern is the exposure of non-smokers to ETS in Public Places within the Town.

S. 195-2. Purpose

The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to:

A. protect the public health and welfare by restricting smoking in all Public Places, and
B. assure smoke-free air for non-smokers, and
C. recognize that the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority over the desire to Smoke in Public Places.

S. 195-3. Authority

This by-law is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment Article 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L. Chapter 43B section 13. The Board of Health is delegated hereby the responsibility and authority to enforce and administer this By-Law, including without limitation, the power to: investigate and respond to complaints, conduct inspections, hold hearings, and assess fines. The Board may re-delegate such aspects of By-Law administration to employees or agents of the Board as it may from time-to-time determine.

S. 195-4. Definitions.

Bar/Lounge. An establishment which is licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages to the public for consumption by Persons on the premises of the establishment and which may serve food incidental to the consumption of such alcoholic beverages.

Board- The Board of Health of the Town of Easton.

Function Hall/Function Room- A free-standing structure ("Structure" as defined in the Zoning By-Laws) or a separate, enclosed room within a Public Place used for social functions.

Health Care Facility- Any office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases or other medical, physiological or psychological conditions including but not limited to rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including nursing homes, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, offices of any surgeon, chiropractor, physical therapist, physician, dentist and all specialists within these professions.

Indoor Sports Facility- Those sports pavilions, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, bowling alleys or other similar recreational facilities where individuals assemble either to (i) engage in physical exercise, or (ii) participate in athletic competition or (iii) watch other individuals participate in such competition.

Person- Any natural person and any entity, including without limitation, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated association or trust.

Public Place- Any building or facility owned, leased, operated or occupied by the Town including school buildings; any building or facility opened to the general public including: libraries; museums; theaters; auditoriums; Indoor Sports Facilities; inns, hotels and motels; educational facilities; shopping malls; public restrooms, lobbies, staircases, halls, exits, entrances, elevators accessible to the public; licensed child-care facilities; Bars/Lounges; Restaurants; Function Halls/Function Rooms; Health Care Facilities; Retail Food Stores and Retail Stores. The following are specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place:

1. Inn, hotel and motel rooms rented to guests and designated as “Smoking” rooms.
2. Function Halls/Function Rooms when they are being used for a private social function in which the sponsor of the private function chooses the Persons in attendance.

Restaurant- A food service establishment in which food is prepared and intended for individual portion service and including the site at which individual portions are provided to the public. The term includes such place regardless of whether consumption of the food is on or off the premises and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food.

Retail Food Store- Any establishment or section of an establishment where food and food products are offered to the Public and intended for off-premises consumption. The terms includes delicatessens that offer prepared food in bulk quantities only, supermarkets, grocery stores, bakeries and convenience stores.

Retail Store- Any establishment whose primary purpose is to sell or offer for sale to consumers (but not for resale) any goods, wares, merchandise, articles or other things, including Retail Food Stores but not Restaurants.

Smoke/Smoking- The lighting of, or having possession of any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or similar tobacco product.

Town- The Town of Easton.

S. 195-5. Smoking Prohibited.

No Person shall Smoke in a Public Place and no Person having the care, custody or control of a Public Place shall permit or suffer any Person to Smoke in a Public Place.

S. 195-6. Notice must be posted.

Every Person having the care, custody or control of a Public Place shall cause to be continuously and conspicuously displayed “No Smoking” signs in numbers the Board deems sufficient so that any person who is within a Public Place shall have received reasonable warning that Smoking is prohibited within such Public Place. “No Smoking” signs shall be comparable in size and style to those provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and shall display prominently the international “no Smoking” symbol as well as the words “No Smoking”.

S. 195-7. Violations

Each instance of the following shall constitute a violation of this By-Law:

A. Smoking by any Person within a Public Place.
B. Any person having care, custody or control of a Public Place:
1. Permitting or suffering any Person to Smoke in a Public Place.
2. Failing to ask any Person who declines to desist from smoking in a Public Place to leave the Public Place.
3. Failing to post and thereafter continuously to maintain “No Smoking” signs as contemplated by this By-Law.

C. Failure of any Person to comply with this By-Law or with a lawful order of the Board issued pursuant to this By-Law.
Each instance of violation or non-compliance shall constitute a separate offense.

S. 195-8. Penalties.

Any Person who violates this By-Law shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for a first violation, two hundred dollars ($200.00) for a second violation and three hundred dollars ($300.00) for the third and each subsequent violation. The Board is granted the discretion on a case-by-case basis to issue a warning without fine for a first offense. Any person assessed a penalty hereunder, within fifteen days of assessment, in a writing, may request a hearing before the Board to show cause why the assessment of the penalty was without substantial basis in fact or law.

S. 195-9. Appeals.

A Person aggrieved by a decision of the Board under this By-Law may appeal such decision to the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth.

S. 195-10. Severability.

If any clause, section, or other part of this By-Law shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this By-Law shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

S. 195-11. Effective date.

This By-Law shall be effective upon approval by the Office of the Attorney General or, if he fails to rule on the constitutionality of the By-Law, at the end of ninety days following certification of the Town Meeting vote and submittal of the By-Law for his review.

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Citizen Petition)

MOVED to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by inserting a new Chapter 195 entitled "Smoking Ban in Public Places in the Town of Easton" to read as printed in the warrant. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 104 thereof, by adding a new Article therein, to be entitled Article II – Animal Control By-Law, which Article shall read as follows:

Section 1: Definitions

a. *Approving Authority* shall be the Board of Health or it's Agents.
b. *Enforcing Authority* shall be the Easton Board of Health, Easton Animal Officer and/or any member of Easton Police Department.
c. *Animal Permit* shall be the permit granted by the Town of Easton, Board of Health to keep animals other than household pets within the Town of Easton. All permits will be valid for not more than one year and shall expire one year after issued.
d. *Abutters* shall be any landowner or lessee whose property is within three hundred (300) feet of any boundary of the applicant's property.
e. *Stable, Pen or Housing* is a building or enclosure used to house or confine one or more animals and to store the food supplies normally associated with the keeping of animals.
f. *Corral or Paddock* is a fenced area designed to allow for the free roaming of animals.
g. *Horse* is a riding or draft animal including horses, ponies, mules, donkeys or any solid hoofed animal.
h. *Grazing Animals* are animals that in their natural state depend upon grazing and foraging of grasses as a major component of their diet, including but not limited to horses, cattle, llamas, sheep, goats, deer and buffalo. For the purposes of issuing a Permit for a given number of "Grazing Animals" the following shall be considered equivalent and each will be regarded as a single "Grazing Animal" as follows:

Horses, Donkey, Mule, Pony	#1	Bovine	#1
Llama	#1	Sheep	#1
Goats	#1	Deer	#1

Grazing Animals not specifically addressed above will be reviewed on an individual basis prior to issuing a Permit. For the purpose of licensing Grazing Animals, juvenile animals, of any age, residing on the property, with or without their maternal parent, will count as an individual Grazing Animal and will require an additional or amended Permit.

i. *Pigs* are any swine including pot-bellied pigs kept as household pets. For the purpose of licensing pigs, juvenile animals, of any age, on the property, with or without their maternal parent, will count as additional pigs and will require an additional or amended Permit.

j. Penned animals are animals normally kept in a confined area out of the residential dwelling, including but not limited to poultry, waterfowl, rabbits or pigeons and excluding Grazing Animals and pigs. For the purposes of licensing penned animals, juvenile animals of any age residing on the property, with or without their maternal parent, will count as additional penned animals and will require an additional or amended Permit.

k. *Household pets* are animals that are normally kept inside a residential dwelling or commercial building including but not limited to dogs, cats, ferrets, fish, domesticated or exotic birds and various small rodents.

l. *Non-Impervious Land (NIL)* is land in which precipitation is allowed to directly fall and penetrate into the soil excluding any buildings, paved driveway, patios, decks, walkways, overhangs, shelters, swimming pools, or other barriers preventing the free flow of precipitation into the ground.

m. *Manure Management Plan (MMP)* is a plan for the handling of manure and other wastes as outlined in Section 7 of these regulations. MMP shall address cleaning, composting, storage, utilization and removal of manure and other wastes.

n. *Property* shall be any property used by the Permit holder or applicant including but not limited to personally owned, family owned or leased property but shall not include property presently owned by the Natural Resources Trust (NRT).

Section 2: Animal Permits: Initial Application

Prior to keeping any animals, other than Household pets, within the Town of Easton, the Person owning or keeping the animals shall apply to the Board of Health for Permit. There is no Permit fee associated with keeping 6 or fewer penned animals. The applicant shall provide the Board of Health with a written application on forms provided by the Board of Health including the number and type of animals to be kept. The applicant shall provide the following information to the Board of Health, at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the Public Hearing for the Permit.

a. A written application on a form provided by the Board of Health including the number, type and purpose of animals to be kept.

b. Verification that all Abutters have been notified, not more than thirty (30) days but no less than fourteen (14) days in advance of the hearing before the Board of Health of the applicants intent. Such verification shall be in the form of a signed letter or a receipt from the U.S Post Office that each Abutter has received a certified letter.

c. A plan, drawn to scale, and stamped by a professional engineer, P.E., or a Massachusetts Land Surveyor which includes the following information:

- The size of the entire lot or lots on which animals will be kept with the existing and planned structures, fences and wells clearly designated.
- Distances between animal housing, enclosures and grazing areas from all Abutters.
- Any and all resource areas including but not limited to rivers, brooks, streams (perennial and or intermittent) surface waters, banks, vernal pools, wetlands, protected wildlife habitats, 100 year flood plain and any other resource area and associated buffer zones as defined in accordance with all Federal, State and Municipal regulations and or bylaws. Resource areas must be delineated on the property by an appropriate licensed professional and accurately shown on the plan.
- The boundaries or areas covered by Easton's Water Resource Protection Overlay District (map available at Town Hall) with each area clearly designed on the plan.

d. All structures, fences and grazing areas proposed within or near resource area or associated buffer zones must first be approve by the Easton Conservation Commission. Notice of approval by the Conservation Commission including any specifications, requirements or orders must be included with the Board of Health Animal Permit Application.

Application fee will be $25.00.

Section 3: Action by the Board of Health on Initial Permits

a. The Board of Health shall conduct a public hearing on all initial applications for an Animal Permit to keep animals other than household Pets or 6 or fewer Penned Animals within the Town of Easton.

b. Notice of Public Hearing shall be advertised in a local paper for one week, at the expense of the applicant, not more than thirty (30) days and not less than seven (7) days before the public hearing.

c. Upon the receipt of the completed application, the Approving Authority and/or the Enforcing Authority shall inspect the property.

d. The Board of Health shall provide an opportunity for the applicant to address the proposal and for the Abutters and others to express their concerns, questions, support or opposition to the application. The Board of Health may continue the hearing to another date within 30 days of the initial public hearing at it's discretion or require the applicant to furnish additional information required by the Board of Health to make a determination whether to grant the Permit.

e. The burden shall be on the applicant to establish that the granting of a Permit shall not be detrimental in any way to the public health or welfare and will not endanger the health, safety or drinking water supplies of any individual or the community.

f. Within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the public Hearing, the Board of Health shall act on the application for an Animal Permit and shall notify the applicant within one week of the decision and any conditions imposed by the Board of Health if the Permit is granted.

g. The Board of Health shall issue a Permit to the applicant if the applicant, to the satisfaction of the Board of Health, has demonstrated that the proposed keeping of animals is in compliance with the regulations attached herein and any Federal, State or additional Municipal regulations associated.

h. Permits for keeping of animals shall be issued for a specific number and type of animals. Permits shall not be transferable as to the use of other premises.

i. If a Permit is issued, it shall be issued to the owner of the property or the tenant of the property with written permission of the owner.

j. Permits are nontransferable to new owners or tenants of the property.

Section 4: Modification of Permits

a. At the discretion and subject to inspection by the Approving Authority and/or the Enforcing Authority, the Board of Health may allow the applicant to modify its Permit by changing the number and type of animals specified on the Permit. Modification will be subject to notification of Abutters and must meet all requirements of Section 2 and 3.

b. Any and all proposed modifications to the conditions of the existing animal permit must be in writing to the Board of Health and include plans, in accordance with section 2 of these regulations, clearly showing proposed changes, revisions or modifications to the conditions of the existing animal permit.

c. Any Person who proposes to renovate a building, any structure or a portion thereof, which is being used as a Stable, Pen, Housing or Storage or proposes to construct a new building which is to be used in whole or in part as a Stable, Pen, Housing or Storage shall, prior to such renovation or construction, in accordance with Town of Easton building requirements, submit plans in duplicate to the Building Department and the Board of Health for approval. Approved permits for construction or renovation of buildings or structures only may be transferred. All transfers or assignments require prior inspection and may be subject to notification of Abutters.

Section 5: Corral or Paddock – Sizes and Distances, Fencing, Grazing Areas and Containment

For the purposes of determining whether the proposed number of animals will have a detrimental impact on public health, welfare, bordering water supplies of individuals or the community, the application shall demonstrate that the following guidelines are complied.

a. The lot on which one Grazing Animal may be kept must have a minimum of 20,000 square feet of NIL plus 10,000 square feet of NIL for each additional Grazing Animal authorized on the animal Permit.

b. A fenced in area (paddock, corral, or pasture) must be provided to contain any and all Grazing Animals within a specified area on the subject property.

c. The minimum square feet of NIL made available in a Paddock or Corral for each Grazing Animal shall be 2,000 square feet for the first Grazing Animal plus 300 square feet for each additional Grazing Animal.

d. The lot on which pigs may be kept must have a minimum of 20,000 square feet of NIL. The minimum square feet of space made available for each Pig shall be:

- 100 square feet of pen space for each pig in a confinement management system or

- 900 square feet of NIL for the first pig and 300 square feet for each additional pig in a Pasture management system.

e. All fencing shall be adequate and constructed in compliance with the Town of Easton Zoning Bylaws, and these regulations. Adequate Corrals and Paddocks and pasture fencing must be at least four feet high, consisting of safe materials that are clearly visible, and shall not include barbed wire in any form. Fencing shall serve two purposes:
- safely confine the animals
- Prevent any child from entering the corral or paddock from the sides facing the dwelling of the abutters in thickly settled residential areas.

e. All unattended animals shall be confined to the Permit holder's property at all times to prevent wandering and straying on other property. Animals and fowl subject to the above regulations which escape and trespass onto public or private property, (with the property owners permission), may be picked up and returned or boarded by the Town of Easton Animal Control Officer. The cost of such activities shall be the responsibility of the owner of the animal or fowl. The Board of Health or the Animal Control Officer may bill the owner for their costs. Any animals or fowl which are not claimed and the owners identification cannot be ascertained after 10 days, the Board of Health or Animal Control Officer, may sell or dispose of the animals or fowl as they see fit. Any proceeds from the disposal or sale shall be turned over to the town Treasurer. Securing all animals and fowl are the owner's responsibility along with all costs for property damage and costs of recovery.

f. Pigeons may be allowed to fly free, in accordance with the standard industry practice, but shall be managed in such a way as to not cause harm and to minimize intrusion to others property.

g. No rooster may be kept in an area zoned residential or within 500 feet of an inhabited Abutters residence.

h. All Corrals, Paddocks and Grazing areas must be
- 100 feet from any resource area (see Section 2), any inhabited dwelling, and drinking water supply
- 50 feet from any abutting property lines and public and private way
- 20 feet from any part of any individual sewage disposal system and its components.

The above minimum requirements may be increased in any particular case at the discretion of the Board of Health.

Section 6: Stable, Pen or Housing Construction (also applies to remodeling or adding to existing structures)

a. Adequate permanent shelter is required to protect Grazing Animals from the elements and must comply with point "B" below.

b. All primary Stables, pens or Housing used to contain Grazing Animals or Pigs shall:
- Be a minimum of 100 feet from any property line or inhabited dwelling.
- Where stalls are provided, ensure that stalls are large enough to enable the animal to stand up and lie down.
- Provide adequate air space and ventilation per animal.

c. All housing for Penned Animals shall:
- Provide protection of the animals from the elements
- Provide for the animals, fresh food, water and adequate ventilation.
- No poultry house or yard shall be locate within 100 feet of any inhabited dwelling, nor within 100 feet of any adjoining property line, nor within 100 feet of any street.

Section 7: Manure and Bedding

Applicants must file a Manure Management Plan (MMP) to be approved by the Board of Health prior to issuance of a Permit. MMP shall address clearing, composting, storage, utilization and removal of manure. Approved MMP will include but is not limited to the following:

a. Clearing, management and disposal of manure shall be such as to minimize odors, breeding of flies and the attraction of vermin. Manure shall be collected and stockpiled in a fly-proof pit constructed of concrete or other receptacle approved by the Board of Health.

b. All animal manure wastes and soiled Bedding shall be cleared daily from stalls.

c. Droppings of manure outside of the stable facility shall be collected daily and stored in the designated receptacle. The areas where manure was dropped, after cleaning, shall be covered with dry hydrated lime or other treatment so designated by the Board of Health to accomplish deodorizing of the area. Manure shall not be spread over the surface of the ground unless it is immediately covered with lime then plowed under within 24 hours.

d. Stockpiled manure, waste and soiled bedding shall be removed at least once a week.

e. No manure, wastes and soiled bedding from stables, corrals or pens shall be stored within 20 feet of any uninhabited residence nor within 300 feet from any abutting properties lines, inhabited dwellings and resource areas (see Section 2).

f. The storage of manure, wastes and soiled bedding and the maintenance of pens, corrals, pastures or grazing areas for animals shall not interfere with any Abutters rights for use and enjoyment of their property. The Board of Health or it's agents shall investigate any complaints of offensive odor, noise, or pests (including but not limited to rats, mice, insects, flies or mosquitoes) associated with the keeping of animals within the Town of Easton and may at anytime, revoke a Permit to keep animals within the town or require additional preventative measures in accordance with Section 11 of these regulations.

Section 8: Sanitary Requirements

a. No applicant shall willfully or through negligence, cause, suffer, allow or permit:
   - The floor and or ground of the facility for the keeping of animals, through design, construction or maintenance, to cause or contribute to unsanitary conditions at said facility.
   - Drainage of any liquid effluent containing urine and or fecal matter from an animal kept at said facility from the property, or to flow over the surface of the ground abutting property, public way, water course, body of water, or resource area (see Section 2).

b. Whenever necessary, insecticides such as space sprays or resin strips should be applied to the interior walls, ceiling, stall areas and exterior of Stables, Pens or Housing in order to control the insect population. All insecticides shall be approved by the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and should be applied in accordance with the instruction for the use of that insecticide. Prior to use, all abutters must be notified in writing as to the product being used and when it will be used.

c. All owners shall provide the Board of Health at the time of registration, certification of all inspections and vaccinations by a Massachusetts Licensed Veterinarian as may be required by Massachusetts State law, regulations and or local Board of Health regulations. As directed by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, all livestock (non-domestic animals) having frequent contact with humans where rabies is epizootic shall be vaccinated against rabies. It is also recommended that all equines be inoculated in the spring of each year against Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis.

d. All animals shall be kept clean and in good health. No animals shall be abused either directly or by neglect.

e. The deaths of any animal mysteriously or suddenly, and/or without being attended by a veterinarian must be reported to the Board of Health or animal Control Officer immediately. In no such case shall an animal be disposed of until released by the Board of Health or a State Veterinarian.

f. The permit holder of any premises in which animals, either penned or grazing, are kept shall keep the buildings and premises clean and free from manure, decaying food, filth, dirt and stagnant water. All buildings and pens so used shall be disinfected and kept in such condition as may be ordered by the Board of Health or Animal Control Officer.

g. Bedding shall consist of peat moss, chopped straw, pine wood chips, hay, and shavings or like absorbent substances but shall not contain in whole or part any wool waste.

h. All opened animal food shall be stored in rodent proof containers.

i. Slaughtering of animals and fowls for retail, wholesale or for barter require a license by the Board of Health. All slaughtering of animal or fowl shall not be performed out of doors. Clean up of animal waste products left after the slaughtering shall be immediately disposed of. The slaughtering area shall be sanitized immediately after slaughtering.

Section 9: Renewals and Inspections

a. An inspection by either the Approving or Enforcing Authority shall be required before the annual renewal of the Permit.

b. The Permits shall be renewed annually, subject to inspection, on or before the anniversary date of issuance.

c. Initial Permit holder applicants shall be provided with a copy of the current regulations upon application, modification or renewal.

Section 10: Complaints

a. Upon the receipt of a complaint, the Enforcing Authority shall investigate the matter. A response will be provided to both the complainant and the Permit holder within three working days. All complaints, fines and issues will be filed with the Permits holder's file to be reviewed upon annual renewal.

Section 11: Enforcement

a. Inspections may be performed at any reasonable time by the Enforcing Authority without prior notification.

b. Enforcing Authority shall investigate any complaints associated with the keeping of animals within the Town of Easton and may require additional preventative measures to mitigate public health risk in case of non-compliance with these regulations or with any additional preventative measures required by the Board of Health. The Board of Health and/or Enforcing Authority will enforce these rules and regulations or revoke a Permit to keep animals within the town.

c. After written notification from the Board of Health noting violations of these regulations, the Permit holder shall have ten (10) working days to correct such violations. Failure to correct such violations shall result in that Person being subject to fines and penalties as outlined in these regulations.

d. After written notification for the Board of Health, any Person housing or keeping animals without a Permit shall within twenty four (24) hours, remove said animals from the premise, at the owners expense, until such time as a Permit is issued.

e. Permits may be revoked or suspended by the Board of Health and/or Enforcing Authority if it is determined that any of the following has occurred:

- continued keeping of these animals constitutes a public safety or health risk
- the animals are not properly cared for
- the facts contained in the application or as represented by the application to the Board of Health are inaccurate
- The Permit holder is keeping animals either not listed on the current Permit or in greater numbers than indicated on the current Permit.

f. The holder of any Permit revoked or suspended shall be notified of such action by certified mail. A Person so aggrieved may petition the Board of Health for a hearing at the next available Board of Health meeting and must provide proper abutter notification. The applicant may not be permitted to keep said animals on the premise until the Board of Health hearing. All animals must be removed within the twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of the notice.

g. Any Person who violates any provision of the above regulations, a regulation or order, made thereunder, may be punished by a fine of $50.00 per violation for each day such violation continues. Three violations within a one-year period will be subject to immediate permit revocation.

h. Violators may be subject to prosecution in a District Court.

i. The Board of Health, upon notice by certified mail to the holder of Permit, may reduce the number of animals of any type, authorized by the initial Permit to the maximum number of animals by type that the applicant has in fact had on the premise at any time in the three year period. The Permit holder may request a hearing before the Board of Health to present evidence that the number of animals assumed by the Board of Health or Enforcing Authority is incorrect.

Section 12: Annual Permit Fee

The fee for an animal permit shall be as follows:

- for penned animals numbering more than 6 and/or any and all grazing animals, shall be $25.00

Section 13: Severability

If any provision of these regulations is declared invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall not be affected by this determination and shall remain in full force and effect. (Citizen Petition)

MOVED to dismiss Article 26. ***VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISMISS.***

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the difference between the salary received by Town employees, and the salary received while on duty with the U.S. Armed Forces, during the period of time that they are activated for service, and any related military service during or thereafter, or taken any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

MOVED to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the sum of $16,944 for the purpose of paying the difference between the salary received by Town employees and the salary received while on duty with the U.S. Armed Forces during the period of time that they are activated for service; and to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the sum of $6,782 for the purpose of continuing to pay the Town's contribution for medical insurance for a family plan to Town employees and their dependents while said employees are on duty with the U.S. Armed Forces, during the period of time that they are activated for service. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning Map dated May 20, 2002 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton described as follows from Residential to Municipal and Open Space:

1. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified on Assessor's Map R3-383, consisting of 8.89 acres, more or less, located at 240 Poquanticut Avenue.
2. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified on Assessor's Map U38-3B, consisting of 5.57 acres, more or less, located at 395R Depot Street.
3. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified as Parcel D, as shown on Sheet 3 of 20 on plan entitled "Lone Oak Farms, Chestnut Street, Easton, MA 02334", dated June 15, 2000, revised March 15, 2001, recorded in Plan Book 401, Pages 27 to 30, consisting of 483,053 square feet, being a portion of R6-77 and or R7-8.
4. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified as Parcel F, as shown on a plan entitled "Lone Oak Farms, Chestnut Street, Easton, MA 02334", dated June 15, 2000 revised March 15, 2001, recorded in Plan Book 401, Pages 27 to 30, consisting of 718,121 square feet, being a portion of R6-77 and or R7-8.
5. Property deeded to the Town of Easton, consisting of 5.2303 acres of land, located on the westerly side of Grant Road being shown as Lot 3A on a certain plan entitled "Presidential Paths".
6. Property deeded to the Town of Easton, consisting of 191,922 square feet of land, located on the westerly side of Grant Road, being shown as Parcel A on a certain plan entitled "Presidential Paths".

Or take any relative action thereto. (Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board)

MOVED to amend the Town of Easton Zoning Map dated May 20, 2002 (original date March 7, 1973) by changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton from Residential to Municipal and Open Space as printed in the warrant. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **WINNECUNNET WAY**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 9+28.085 as shown on a plan of land entitled **"Winnecunnet Woods"** drafted by Land Surveys Inc. dated April 21, 1998 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on August 5, 1998 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 161, Pages 60, or take any other action thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

MOVED to accept the following named street or way, ***WINNECUNNET WAY****, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 9+28.085, as shown on a plan of land entitled* ***"Winnecunnet Woods"*** *drafted by Land Surveys Inc. dated April 21, 1998 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 161, Page 60, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws c. 40 section 14, to accept the deeds for said real property.* ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **NIPPENICKET WAY** as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0.00 to station 1+78.739 as shown on a plan of land entitled **"Winnecunnet Woods"** drafted by Land Surveys Inc., dated April 31, 1998 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 5, 1998 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan book 161 Pages 60, or take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner there of having filed the required "as-built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the town meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the engineering division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED to accept the following named street or way, **NIPPENICKET WAY** as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0.00 to station 1+78.739, as shown on a plan of land entitled **"Winnecunnet Woods"** drafted by Land Surveys Inc., dated April 31, 1998 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 161 Pages 60, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws chapter 40 section 14, to accept the deeds for said real property. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **FROTHINGHAM DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 10+37.99 as shown on a plan entitled "Modified Subdivision Plan at **Frothingham Elms** in Easton, MA," prepared by Gallagher Engineering, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 368, Pages 23 to 25, or take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner there of having filed the required "as-built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the town meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the engineering division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED to accept the following named street or way, **FROTHINGHAM DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 10+37.99, as shown on a plan entitled "Modified Subdivision Plan at **Frothingham Elms** in Easton, MA," prepared by Gallagher Engineering, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 368, Pages 23 to 25 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws chapter 40 section 14, to accept the deeds for said real property. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **POUT ROCK ROAD**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+60.00 to station 4+05.66 as shown on a plan of land entitled "**The Farm at Flyaway Pond**" drafted by Hayward, Boynton & Williams, Inc. dated January 15, 1995 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 31, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner there of having filed the required "as-built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the town meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the engineering division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED to accept the following named street or way, **POUT ROCK ROAD**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+60.00 to station 4+05.66, as shown on a plan of land entitled "**The Farm at Flyaway Pond**" drafted by Hayward, Boynton & Williams, Inc. dated January 15, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52, and to authorize the Board of*

Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws chapter 40 section 14, to accept the deeds for said real property.
VOTED.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **FLYAWAY POND DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00.00 to station 15+94.28 as shown on a plan of land entitled "**The Farm at Flyaway Pond**" drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated January 20, 1995 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 31, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner there of having filed the required "as-built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the town meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the engineering division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED to accept the following named street or way, **FLYAWAY POND DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00.00 to station 15+94.28, as shown on a plan of land entitled "**The Farm at Flyaway Pond**" drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated January 20, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws chapter 40 section 14, to accept the deed for said real property.*
VOTED.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **ASPEN HOLLOW DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00.00 to station 14+03.07 as shown on a plan of land entitled "**The Farm at Flyaway Pond**" drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated January 20, 1995 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on May 31, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52, or take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner there of having filed the required "as-built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the town meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the engineering division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED to accept the following named street or way, **ASPEN HOLLOW DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00.00 to station 14+03.07, as shown on a plan of land entitled "**The Farm at Flyaway Pond**" drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated January 20, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws chapter 40 section 14, to accept the deeds for said real property.*
VOTED.

It was then moved and VOTED TO DISMISS ARTICLES 35-44.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **QUARRY LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 5+36.65 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991, as approved by the Planning & Zoning on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction

of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **DALTON CIRCLE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 4+05.70 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **FORBES LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 3+14.19 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **AMBER LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 2+09.50 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **SANDY POND LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 4+91.68 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **CRYSTAL LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 4+49.23 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.
(Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **FAIRFIELD DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 29+76.4 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.
(Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **WATERBURY LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 5+49 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.
(Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **FLINT LANE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 4+62.21 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Rockland Bay Estates**, drafted by Ernest W. Branch, dated May 16, 1991 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 10, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 346, Pages 19-27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.
(Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, **JONATHAN DRIVE**, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from station 0+00 to station 5+71.36 as shown on a plan of land entitled **Lincoln Estates**, drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated July 27, 1992 as approved by the

Planning & Zoning Board on October 7, 1992 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 4107, Pages 338, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "As-built Acceptance Plan of Land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision must be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.
(Submitted by Citizen Petition) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 45. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

*At 11:26 P.M., it was **VOTED TO DISSOLVE** the Annual Town Meeting. Total Voters Present – 284.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of May the year Two Thousand Two.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
Gerard S. Marsan
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Easton, Mass. May 3, 2002
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day
posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 26th day of August, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002

The Special Town Meeting at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium was called to order by Moderator Richard at 7:20 p.m. with quorum present.

Moderator Dailey announced the Mandatory Water Restrictions that have been enacted recently. Residents are restricted to using automatic irrigation systems and lawn sprinklers on odd or even calendar days according to their house numbers and can only water between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Hand-held hoses will be allowed anytime.

The following list of non-registered voters was voted admittance to the hall:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting) Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Joan Langsam, Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District. MEDIA: Easton Journal: Erika Finchen; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Ryan McLane; Easton Bulletin: Easton Buzz: REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Brian Joyce. MICROPHONE CARRIERS: (None). REQUESTING ATTENDANCE FOR 8/26/02: Catherine Salisbury, South Easton Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program; Edna Donoghue, American Cancer Society; Michael Richard, Union Villa; Neil Levine, Maguire's Restaurant, Cristo Wong, May East; Jennifer Besse & Daniel Sarmiento.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Easton Town Charter, specifically Article 4, § C4-1 thereof, by deleting from said section the following sentence:
"He need not be a resident of the town or of the commonwealth at the time of his appointment, but he must establish residence in the town within 12 months following his appointment." (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

Moved to amend the Easton Town Charter, specifically Article 4 §. C4-1 thereof, by deleting from said Section the following sentence: "He need not be a resident of the town or of the commonwealth at the time of his appointment, but he must establish residence in the town within 12 months following his appointment."

The following Amendment to the main motion was moved and seconded: To amend the Easton Town Charter, specifically Article 4 section C4-1 thereof, by adding the verbiage after the word Town, " must establish residence in a city or town that has borders within 25 miles of the boundaries of the Town of Easton within 12 months following his appointment." ***VOTED.***

The following Counters were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by Town Clerk Janet Linehan: Lennart Altieri, David Everett, WalterËsscher, Ryan Cook, Colleen Corona, Richard Harb, Barry DunKley, Denise Higgins.

Main Motion as amended was VOTED - 250 Yes, 90 No.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by inserting into the by-law adopted on May 20, 2002 under Article 25 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town entitled "Smoking Ban in Public Places in the Town of Easton" and amending and insert into the new M.G.L. Ch. 195 § 4 under the heading of Definitions, Paragraph 7, entitled Public Place and adding to the following provisions specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place the following provisions:

3. Bar/Lounge/Restaurant that cause to continuously and conspicuously display "Warning the Premises may contain Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke ("ETS") otherwise known as second hand smoke that presents a serious and substantial hazard to Public Health and Safety of citizens of the Town. No child or person under the age of 18 years old shall be admitted without being accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian." "Warning" signs shall be posted at all entrances and exits on the Premises and shall be comparable in size and style to those approved by the Board of Health of the Town of Easton or the Massachusetts Department of Health and shall display prominently the intentional "Warning" as well as the words " the Premises may contain Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke ("ETS") otherwise known as second hand smoke that presents a serious and substantial hazard to Public Health and Safety of citizens of the Town. No child or person under the age of 18 years old shall be admitted without being accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian."
4. The Board of Health of the Town of Easton may make exceptions to the total ban on smoking in order to provided economic relief to persons or entities which cannot meet the express terms of the by-law, as written, substantially in the following form:

   Exceptions for Existing Facilities:

   Any Bar/Lounge/Restaurant in existence when this by-law is adopted which is not in compliance with the provisions of this by-law shall be granted a period of one year to bring the Premises into conformity with this by-law. If after one year the Premises are not then in conformity with the provisions of this by-law the Board of Health of the Town of Easton may, after public notice and a public hearing, extend the time for compliance for up to one additional year. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first two sentences of this section the Board of Health of the Town of Easton, after public notice and a public hearing, may grant a waiver for any business that it finds cannot meet the provisions of this by-law due to hardship, financial or otherwise. Such exception shall continue until the business is sold or the alcoholic beverages license is transferred. Upon sale of the business or transfer of the alcoholic beverage license such exception shall cease and the Premises shall forthwith become subject to this by-law.

(Submitted by Citizen Petition)

The following Proposed Perfecting Amendment was moved and seconded: Moved to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by inserting into the by-law adopted on May 20, 2002 under Article 25 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town entitled "Smoking Ban in Public Places in the Town of Easton" and amending and insert into the new M.G.L. Ch. 195 § 4 under the heading of Definitions, Paragraph 7, entitled Public Place and adding to the following provisions specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place the following provisions:

The Board of Health of the Town of Easton may make exceptions to the total ban on smoking in order to provide economic relief to persons or entities which cannot meet the express terms of the by-law, as written, substantially in the following form:

3. *Bar/Lounge/Restaurant that cause to continuously and conspicuously display "Warning the Premises may contain Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke ("ETS") otherwise known as second hand smoke that presents a serious and substantial hazard to Public Health and Safety of citizens of the Town. No child or person under the age of 18 years old shall be admitted." "Warning" signs shall be posted at all entrances and exits on the Premises and shall be comparable in size and style to those approved by the Board of Health of the Town of Easton or the Massachusetts Department of Health and shall display prominently the intentional "Warning" as well as the words " the Premises may contain*

exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke ("ETS") otherwise known as second hand smoke that presents a serious and substantial hazard to Public Health and Safety of citizens of the Town. No child or person under the age of 18 years old shall be admitted."

4. *Exceptions for Existing Facilities:*

   Any Bar/Lounge/Restaurant in existence when this by-law is adopted which is not in compliance with the provisions of this by-law shall be granted a period of one year to bring the Premises into conformity with this by-law. If after one year the Premises are not then in conformity with the provisions of this by-law the Board of Health of the Town of Easton may, after public notice and a public hearing, extend the time for compliance for up to one additional year. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first two sentences of this section the Board of Health of the Town of Easton, after public notice and a public hearing, may grant a waiver for any business that it finds cannot meet the provisions of this by-law due to hardship, financial or otherwise. Such exception shall continue until the business is sold or the alcoholic beverages license is transferred. Upon sale of the business or transfer of the alcoholic beverage license such exception shall cease and the Premises shall forthwith become subject to this by-law.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a motion to close debate. There were 8 opposed to closing debate.

Vote on Amendment - NOT A VOTE.

Main Motion (as published in warrant) – NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Town Meeting was Adjourned at 9:46 p.m.. Total voters present: 372.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of August in the year Two Thousand Two.

Carla A. Goodwin, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
Gerard S. Marsan
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Easton, Mass August 8, 2002
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day
posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

Bristol, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2, 4 – Easton Jr. High School, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3, 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church – 197 Bay Road

On **TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

UNITED STATES SENATOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
GOVERNOR'S COUNCILLOR	SECOND COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
GOVERNOR'S COUNCILLOR	FOURTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	TENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	BRISTOL DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of August, 2002.

Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. August 8, 2002

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Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton

STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, September 17, 2002. The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One: J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Albert Becker, Deputy Clerk; Wilfred Roberge, Joseph Quieto, Eleanor Bridge, Checkers.

Precinct Two: Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Deputy Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Virginia Corte, Checkers.

Precinct Three: Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Joseph Camara, Deputy Clerk, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, E. Pamela Corbett, Checkers.

Precinct Four: Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; Barbara Walsh, Catharine Becker, Lorraine Anderson, Checkers.

Precinct Five: Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Bennie Moore, Elizabeth Verity, Nicolina Previti, Mary Louise Newman, William McAndrews, Checkers.

Precinct Six: Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman, Deputy Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Deputy Clerk; Susan Henderson, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, Joan Hayward, William Sullivan, Checkers.

OFFICIAL RESULTS 25% Turnout

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240
Republican Party	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219
Libertarian Party	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Masschusetts Green Party	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
Total	377	738	565	611	644	545	3480

The result of the Primary election was:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
John F. Kerry	214	390	320	323	348	286	1881
Write-Ins	0	2	1	2	3	3	11
Blanks	34	77	41	69	70	57	348
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

GOVERNOR							
Thomas F. Birmingham	71	120	104	104	85	87	571
Steven Grossman	2	0	1	7	0	2	12
Shannon P. O'Brien	92	173	115	121	137	97	735
Robert B. Reich	52	97	73	86	135	81	524
Warren E. Tolman	30	75	67	69	60	76	377
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	1	4	2	6	4	3	20
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Christopher F. Gabrieli	113	186	164	140	160	136	899
Lois G. Pines	64	121	109	130	145	116	685
John P. Slattery	50	112	64	72	66	53	417
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	21	50	25	52	49	41	238
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas F. Reilly	189	358	296	300	310	264	1717
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Blanks	59	111	66	94	110	81	521
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	183	350	284	264	299	260	1640
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	64	119	78	130	122	86	599
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

TREASURER

Michael P. Cahill	16	51	30	35	40	25	197
Timothy P. Cahill	103	197	172	161	164	138	935
Stephen J. Murphy	48	67	51	52	45	62	325
James W. Segel	52	104	71	87	107	69	490
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	29	50	38	59	65	52	293
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	178	309	261	253	275	239	1515
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	69	160	101	141	146	107	724
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stephen F. Lynch	170	294	253	235	257	218	1427
William A. Ferguson	43	99	68	89	95	78	472
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	35	76	41	70	69	50	341
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

Kelly A. Timilty	-	-	186	168	167	155	676
Chesley Oriel	-	-	27	36	29	23	115
Kerby Roberson	-	-	56	52	69	54	231
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	93	138	156	114	501
Total	-	-	362	394	421	346	1523

COUNCILLOR 4th DISTRICT (Pcts.1,2)

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	104	188	-	-	-	-	292
Stephen F. Flynn	90	167	-	-	-	-	257
Write-Ins	1	0	-	-	-	-	1
Blanks	53	114	-	-	-	-	167
Total	248	469	-	-	-	-	717

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)

Brian A. Joyce	-	-	236	237	280	206	959
Peri J. O'Connor	-	-	94	99	91	99	383
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	32	58	50	41	181
Total	-	-	362	394	421	346	1523

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)

Robert S. Creedon	179	331	-	-	-	-	510
Write-Ins	1	0	-	-	-	-	1
Blanks	68	138	-	-	-	-	206
Total	248	469	-	-	-	-	717

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)

David L.Flynn	-	-	-	-	-	229	229
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	117	117
Total	-	-	-	-	-	346	346

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)

Christine E. Canavan	-	-	263	-	-	-	263
Write-Ins	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Blanks	-	-	99	-	-	-	99
Total	-	-	362	-	-	-	362

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)

Geraldine Creedon	175	326	-	266	303	-	1070
Write-Ins	1	0	-	0	1	-	2
Blanks	72	143	-	128	117	-	460
Total	248	469	-	394	421	-	1532

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL DISTRICT)

Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	176	305	268	250	269	224	1492
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	72	164	94	144	152	122	748
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

REGISTER OF PROBATE BRISTOL COUNTY

Robert E. Peck	162	280	250	238	256	215	1401
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	86	189	112	156	165	131	839
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

COUNTY TREASURER BRISTOL COUNTY

Kevin J. Finnerty	131	274	236	207	229	198	1275
M. Earle Gaudette	46	73	46	62	63	45	335
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	71	122	80	125	129	103	630
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY

Maria F. Lopes	134	259	200	212	224	201	1230
Gregory DeMelo	46	90	83	66	73	50	408
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	68	119	79	116	124	95	601
Total	248	469	362	394	421	346	2240

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Write-Ins	5	3	2	11	2	8	31
Blanks	121	261	200	201	218	187	1188
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

GOVERNOR

Mitt Romney	113	239	185	189	197	174	1097
Write-Ins	1	1	1	1	2	0	6
Blanks	12	24	16	22	21	21	116
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Kerry Murphy Healey	65	158	118	139	140	129	749
Jim Rappaport	60	103	82	71	75	63	454
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	3	2	2	5	3	16
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Write-Ins	2	2	0	1	0	0	5
Blanks	124	262	202	211	220	195	1214
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

SECRETARY OF STATE

Jack E. Robinson, III	61	126	107	94	100	93	581
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Blanks	65	137	95	117	120	102	636
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

TREASURER

Daniel A. Grabauskas	47	102	83	80	94	86	492
Bruce A. Herzfelder	56	112	91	81	84	76	500
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	23	50	27	51	42	33	226
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

AUDITOR							
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Blanks	126	263	202	211	220	195	1217
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Blanks	126	264	202	211	220	193	1216
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)							
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	202	212	220	195	829
Total	-	-	202	212	220	195	829
COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts. 1,2)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	126	264	-	-	-	-	390
Total	126	264	-	-	-	-	390
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)							
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	-	-	202	212	219	195	828
Total	-	-	202	212	220	195	829
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	126	264	-	-	-	-	390
Total	126	264	-	-	-	-	390
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)							
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	195	195
Total	-	-	-	-	-	195	195
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)							
Write-Ins	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Blanks	-	-	202	-	-	-	202
Total	-	-	202	-	-	-	202
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Blanks	126	264	-	212	220	-	822
Total	126	264	-	212	220	-	822
DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRISTOL DISTRICT							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

REGISTER OF PROBATE BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

COUNTY TREASURER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	126	264	201	212	220	195	1218
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219
Total	126	264	202	212	220	195	1219

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Michael E. Cloud	3	3	0	3	1	3	13
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

GOVERNOR

Carla A. Howell	3	3	0	3	1	4	14
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Richard P. Aucoin	2	3	0	3	0	3	11
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	1	0	1	2	1	6
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

SECRETARY OF STATE

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

TREASURER

Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	3	4	0	3	2	4	16
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

AUDITOR

Kamal Jain	2	3	0	3	0	3	11
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	1	0	1	2	1	6
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	3	16
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	0	4	2	4	10
Total	-	-	0	4	2	4	10

COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts. 1,2)

Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	3	4	-	-	-	-	7
Total	3	4	-	-	-	-	7

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)

Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	0	4	2	4	10
Total	-	-	0	4	2	4	10

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)

Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	3	4	-	-	-	-	7
Total	3	4	-	-	-	-	7

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)

George L. Berdos, Jr.	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	-	-	4	4

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)

Write-Ins	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Blanks	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Total	-	-	0	-	-	-	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)

Write-Ins	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Blanks	3	4	-	4	2	-	13
Total	3	4	-	4	2	-	13

DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRISTOL DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

REGISTER OF PROBATE BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

COUNTY TREASURER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	4	0	4	2	4	17
Total	3	4	0	4	2	4	17

GREEN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

GOVERNOR

Jill E. Stein	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Anthony F. Lorenzen	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

SECRETARY OF STATE

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

TREASURER

James O'Keefe	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

AUDITOR							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)							
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	-	-	1	1	0	0	2
Total	-	-	1	1	1	0	3
COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts. 1,2)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)							
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	-	-	1	1	0	0	2
Total	-	-	1	1	1	0	3
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)							
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)							
Write-Ins	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Blanks	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	0	1	-	1
Blanks	0	1	-	1	0	-	2
Total	0	1	-	1	1	-	3
DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRISTOL DISTRICT							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

REGISTER OF PROBATE BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

COUNTY TREASURER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Bristol, SS.

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To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

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GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SECOND COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	FOURTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	TENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	BRISTOL DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	BRISTOL COUNTY

LOCAL OFFICES

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOC. TECH. SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	BROCKTON
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOC. TECH. SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	EAST BRIDGEWATER
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOC. TECH. SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	EASTON
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOC. TECH. SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	STOUGHTON
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOC. TECH. SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	WEST BRIDGEWATER

QUESTION 1- LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2002?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would provide that no income or other gain realized on or after July 1, 2003, would be subject to the state personal income tax. That tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by person who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized before July 1, 2003.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would eliminate any state personal income tax for income or other gain realized on or after July 1, 2003.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state tax laws.

YES NO

QUESTION 2 – LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2002?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the current state law providing for transitional bilingual education in public schools with a law requiring that, with limited exceptions, all public school children must be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and being placed in English language classrooms.

The proposed law would require public schools to educate English learners (children who cannot do ordinary classwork in English and who either do not speak English or whose native language is not English) through a sheltered English immersion program, normally not lasting more than one year. In the program, all books and nearly all teaching would be in English, with the curriculum designed for children learning English, although a teacher could use a minimal amount of a child's native language when necessary. Schools would be encouraged to place in the same classroom children who are from different native-language groups but who have the same level of English skills. Once a student is able to do regular schoolwork in English, the student would be transferred to an English language mainstream classroom. These requirements would not affect special education programs for physically or mentally impaired students or foreign language classes for children who already know English.

Parents or guardians of certain children could apply each year to have the requirements waived, so as to place their child in bilingual education or other classes, if the parents or guardians visit the school to be informed, in a language they can understand, about all available options. To obtain a waiver, the child must either (1) already know English; or (2) be at least 10 years old, and the school principal and staff believe that another course of study would be better for the child's educational progress and rapid learning of English; or (3) have special physical or psychological needs (other than lack of English skills), have already spent 30 days in an English language classroom during that school year, the school principal and staff document their belief that the child's special needs make another course of study better for the child's educational progress and rapid learning of English, and the school superintendent approves the waiver. If 20 or more students in one grade level at a school receive waivers, the school would have to offer either bilingual education classes providing instruction in both the student's native language and English or classes using other generally recognized educational methodologies permitted by law. In other cases, a student receiving a waiver would have to be allowed to transfer to a school offering such classes.

A parent or guardian could sue to enforce the proposed law and, if successful, would receive attorney's fees, costs and compensatory money damages. Any school employee, school committee member or other elected official or administrator who willfully and repeatedly refused to implement the proposed law could be personally ordered to pay such fees, costs, and damages; could not be reimbursed for that payment by any public or private party; and could not be elected to a school committee or employed in the public schools for 5 years. Parents or guardians of a child who received a waiver based on special needs could sue if, before the child reaches 18, they discover that the application for a waiver was induced by fraud or intentional misrepresentation and injured the child's education.

All English learners in grades kindergarten and up would take annual standardized tests of English skills. All English learners in grades 2 and up would take annual written standardized tests, in English, of academic subjects. Severely learning disabled students could be exempted from the tests. Individual scores would be released only to parents, but aggregate scores, school and school district rankings, the number of English learners in each school and district, and related data would be made public.

The proposed law would provide, subject to the state Legislature's appropriation, $5 million each year for 10 years for school committees to provide free or low-cost English language instruction to adults who pledged to tutor English learners.

The proposed law would replace the current law, under which a school committee must establish a transitional bilingual education program for any 20 or more enrolled children of the same language group who cannot do ordinary classwork in English and whose native language is not English or whose parents do not speak English. In that program, schools must teach all required courses in both English and the child's native language; teach both the native language and English; and teach the history and culture of both the native land of the child's parents and the United States. Teaching of non-required students may be in a language other than English, and for subjects where verbalization is not essential (such as art or music), the child must participate in regular classes with English-speaking students.

Under the current law, a child stays in the program for 3 years or until the child can perform successfully in English-only classes, whichever occurs first. A test of the child's English skills is given each year. A school committee may not transfer a child out of the program before the third year unless the parents approve and the child has received an English-skills test score appropriate to the child's grade level. A child may stay in the program longer than 3 years if the school committee and the parent or guardian approve. Parents must be informed of their child's enrollment in the program and have the right to withdraw their child from the program.

The proposed law's testing requirements would take effect immediately, and its other requirements would govern all school years beginning after the proposed law's effective date. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would require that, with limited exceptions, all public school children must be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and being placed in English language classrooms.

A NO VOTE would make no changes in English language education in public schools.

YES NO

QUESTION 3 – THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Do you support taxpayer money being used to fund political campaigns for public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

YES NO

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of October, 2002.

Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
Gerard S. Marsan
Leo R. Harlow
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Easton, MA. October 29, 2002
By Virtue hereof and as within directed, I have
This day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2002

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, November 5, 2002. The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One: J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Albert Becker, Deputy Clerk; Joseph Quieto, John Sullivan, John Papineau, Eleanor Bridge, Checkers.

Precinct Two: Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Deputy Clerk; Irene Roberge, Joan Healey, Laurie MacKinnon-Fallon, Virginia Sullivan, Virginia Corte, Checkers.

Precinct Three: Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Joseph Camara, Deputy Clerk, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, E. Pamela Corbett, Patricia Dooley, Checkers.

Precinct Four: Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; Barbara Walsh, Catharine Becker, Lorraine Anderson, Checkers.

Precinct Five: Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; E. Louise Vose, Deputy Clerk; Bennie Moore, Elizabeth Verity, Nicolina Previti, Mary Louise Newman, William McAndrews, Checkers.

Precinct Six: Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman, Deputy Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Deputy Clerk; Susan Henderson, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, Joan Hayward, Checkers.

FINAL OFFICIAL RESULTS 63% Turnout

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

The result of the Primary election was:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
John F. Kerry	678	1147	1001	1079	1137	1027	6069
Michael E. Cloud	228	343	310	324	302	322	1829
Randall Caroline Fosberg	3	3	6	4	5	1	22
Write-Ins	3	1	2	4	1	2	13
Blanks	100	206	133	169	154	135	897
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR							
Howell and Aucoin	7	26	20	14	13	18	98
O'Brien and Gabrieli	345	606	516	521	566	485	3039
Romney and Healey	623	985	866	983	967	948	5372
Stein and Lorenzen	28	55	36	44	40	20	223
Johnson and Schebel	5	15	7	11	5	8	51
Write-Ins	0	1	1	2	1	2	7
Blanks	4	12	6	5	7	6	40
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas F. Reilly	687	1127	1019	1047	1097	1049	6026
Write-Ins	1	7	3	15	4	5	35
Blanks	324	566	430	518	498	433	2769
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	598	1029	927	953	1028	896	5431
Jack E. Robinson, III	306	478	395	440	401	444	2464
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	108	193	130	186	170	147	934
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

TREASURER/RECEIVER GENERAL

Timothy P. Cahill	443	727	669	691	728	683	3941
Daniel A. Grabauskas	474	762	635	720	671	616	3878
James O'Keefe	39	90	75	60	73	77	414
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	56	121	73	109	127	111	597
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	623	1041	955	967	1029	909	5524
Kamal Jain	68	111	68	107	83	96	533
John James Xenakis	147	225	215	220	199	241	1247
Write-Ins	2	1	0	1	1	0	5
Blanks	172	322	214	285	287	241	1521
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stephen F. Lynch	663	1077	1001	996	1046	1001	5784
Write-Ins	2	4	0	8	3	2	19
Blanks	347	619	451	576	550	484	3027
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

Kelly A. Timilty	-	-	935	920	981	910	3746
Write-Ins	-	-	0	5	0	3	8
Blanks	-	-	517	655	618	574	2364
Total	-	-	1452	1580	1599	1487	6118

COUNCILLOR 4th DISTRICT (Pcts.1,2)

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	610	997	-	-	-	-	1607
Write-Ins	2	2	-	-	-	-	4
Blanks	400	701	-	-	-	-	1101
Total	1012	1700	-	-	-	-	2712

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)

Brian A. Joyce	-	-	978	995	1035	946	3954
Write-Ins	-	-	0	6	1	4	11
Blanks	-	-	474	579	563	537	2153
Total	-	-	1452	1580	1599	1487	6118

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)

Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	645	1085	-	-	-	-	1730
Write-Ins	3	0	-	-	-	-	3
Blanks	364	615	-	-	-	-	979
Total	1012	1700	-	-	-	-	2712

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCT. 6)

David L.Flynn	-	-	-	-	-	796	796
George L. Berdos, Jr.	-	-	-	-	-	362	362
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	329	329
Total	-	-	-	-	-	1487	1487

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCT. 3)

Christine E. Canavan	-	-	913	-	-	-	913
Write-Ins	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Blanks	-	-	539	-	-	-	539
Total	-	-	1452	-	-	-	1452

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)

Geraldine Creedon	633	1063	-	949	1004	-	3649
Write-Ins	5	0	-	5	2	-	12
Blanks	374	637	-	626	593	-	2230
Total	1012	1700	-	1580	1599	-	5891

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL DISTRICT)

Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	619	1019	931	933	981	924	5407
Write-Ins	2	1	0	5	0	2	10
Blanks	391	680	521	642	618	561	3413
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

REGISTER OF PROBATE (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Robert E. Peck	587	980	895	897	938	883	5180
Write-Ins	1	0	0	3	1	0	5
Blanks	424	720	557	680	660	604	3645
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

COUNTY TREASURER (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Kevin J. Finnerty	591	957	881	888	940	872	5129
Write-Ins	1	0	0	4	0	0	5
Blanks	420	743	571	688	659	615	3696
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Maria F. Lopes	575	948	867	878	933	872	5073
Write-Ins	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
Blanks	437	752	585	700	665	614	3753
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

SOUTHEASTERN REG SCHOOL COMMITTEE (BROCKTON)

Wayne E. McAllister	577	932	866	847	891	856	4969
Write-Ins	2	2	0	1	0	2	7
Blanks	433	766	586	732	708	629	3854
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

SOUTHEASTERN REG SCHOOL COMMITTEE (EAST BRIDGEWATER)

Eric W. Greene	551	891	851	815	867	838	4813
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Blanks	461	808	601	765	731	649	4015
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

SOUTHEASTERN REG SCHOOL COMMITTEE (EASTON)

Ralph Armstead	622	1093	960	917	968	893	5453
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	2	1	5
Blanks	390	606	492	662	629	593	3372
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

SOUTHEASTERN REG SCHOOL COMMITTEE (STOUGHTON)

George E. Eichorn	542	892	832	783	839	806	4694
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Blanks	470	808	620	797	759	680	4134
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

SOUTHEASTERN REG SCHOOL COMMITTEE (WEST BRIDGEWATER)

Eugene Kostecki	528	878	847	777	824	804	4658
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
Blanks	483	821	605	803	773	683	4168
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

QUESTION 1 (ELIMINATING PERSONAL INCOME TAX)

Yes	483	737	630	687	734	677	3948
No	436	799	706	752	744	624	4061
Blanks	93	164	116	141	121	186	821
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

QUESTION 2 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

Yes	697	1118	957	1113	1076	1056	6017
No	241	480	383	378	422	376	2280
Blanks	74	102	112	89	101	55	533
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

QUESTION 3 (TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS)

Yes	193	344	248	298	337	257	1677
No	740	1241	1075	1173	1136	1172	6537
Blanks	79	115	129	109	126	58	616
Total	1012	1700	1452	1580	1599	1487	8830

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Warrant for Special Debt Exclusion Override Election

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2 & 4 – Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3 & 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2002, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for the following question:

QUESTION 1.

Shall the Town of Easton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications and other related preliminary expenses, including project manager services, and the construction of additions to and remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Easton Junior High School and the Oliver Ames High School, including original equipment and furnishings and related site improvements?

YES NO

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of November, 2002.

Jeffrey L. Tufts

Gerard S. Marsan

Leo R. Harlow
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

A True Copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

Easton, MA. November 19, 2002
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin
Constable of Easton

SPECIAL DEBT EXCLUSION OVERRIDE ELECTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, December 10, 2002. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Albert Becker, Joseph Quieto, John Sullivan, Wilfred Roberge, Checkers.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Jr., Irene Roberge, Joan Healey, John Papineau, Virginia Corte, Virginia Sullivan, Checkers.

Precinct Three – Arlene Keach, Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Evelyn Carlson; Joseph Camara; Beverly Hanson, E. Pamela Corbett, Rose Furlong, Checkers.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Robert Leonard, Barbara Walsh, Lorraine Anderson, Catherine Becker, Laetitia Tremblay, Checkers.

Precinct Five – Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Blanche Hicks; William McAndrews, Elizabeth Verity, E. Louise Vose, Bennie Moore, Mary Louise Newman, Nicolina Previti, Checkers.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Susan Henderson, Jean Fisher, Joan Hayward, Ella Porter, Marie Freisen, Checkers.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

13,873 Registered Voters **42% Turnout**

	Pct 1	**Pct 2**	**Pct 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct 5**	**Pct 6**	**Total**
Total Votes Cast:	637	1153	776	1115	1198	942	5821

The result of the Special Election was:

QUESTION 1 - School Debt Exclusion Override							
Yes	336	590	338	624	748	500	3136
No	301	563	438	490	450	442	2684
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	637	1153	776	1115	1198	942	5821

A true Record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

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Assessors	508-230-0520
Board of Health	508-230-0620
Board of Selectmen	508-230-0501
Building Department	508-230-0580
Collector	508-230-0610
Conservation Commission	508-230-0640
Council on Aging	508-230-0540
Department of Public Works	508-230-0800
Fire Department	508-230-3311
Food Pantry	508-230-0670
Housing Authority	508-238-4747
Planning Board	508-230-0630
Police Department	508-230-3322
Recreation Department	508-230-0650
Town Accountant	508-230-0560
Town Administrator	508-230-0510
Town Clerk	508-230-0530
Treasurer	508-230-0600
Veterans Services Department	508-230-0550
Water Department	508-230-0850

Superintendent of Schools	508-230-3202
Center School	508-230-3233
Easton Junior High School	508-230-3222
F.L. Olmsted School	508-230-3205
H.H. Richardson School	508-230-3227
Moreau Hall	508-230-3235
Oliver Ames High School	508-230-3210
Parkview School	508-230-3230

EASTON EMERGENCY
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